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Annandale & Eskdale Third Sector Forum: Partnership Protocol

Introduction

This partnership protocol is a commitment from members of Annandale & Eskdale Third Sector Forum to work together to improve services to our communities.

What is a partnership?

A partnership can be defined as the relationship between two or more organisations or individuals that are working together to achieve a shared goal.

A networking partnership such as the Third Sector Forum will require co-operation between members, a willingness to share information to work together, and good communication.

What we will achieve by working in partnership

As members of the Third Sector Forum, organisations should work together to:

- improve communication between organisations;
- address issues of common interest and respond as a collective voice;
- build on existing partnerships with external agencies;
- contribute more effectively to Community Planning;
- demonstrate the value of the work of voluntary organisations to regional services and the regional economy;
- reduce the isolation which may be experienced by individual voluntary organisations.

Principles for partnership working

The Third Sector Forum aims to:

- make sure that all members bring strengths, skill, experience and knowledge to the Forum;
- support equality and diversity;
- work in the interests of our members, stakeholders and service users;
- agree realistic, achievable aims and a timetable for joint work to be carried out;
- make sure that communication between Forum members is clear, open and transparent;
- seek to reach decisions by consensus;
- agree the roles and responsibilities of members;
- agree clear decision making processes;
- adopt a co-operative and flexible approach to partnership working.

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