



SURF Awards Shared Learning Workshop

11th May 2023

*Third Sector Employability
Forum*

Update - Blyth Deans TSEF

TSEF

The Third Sector Employability Forum is a member-led organisation representing the views of the employability sector in Scotland. Its aims are to provide a voice and mutual support for the many and varied organisations working in the employability sector in Scotland



Our Purpose

TSEF exists to facilitate effective communication between third sector employability providers in Scotland and central and local government bodies at national level to help deliver a strong, vibrant and successful employability system.

Our Mission

We aim to raise the voice and profile of the third sector's diverse and collective contribution to employability outcomes in Scotland, and through this to inform employability policy of the future so that it best meets the needs of people seeking support.

Purpose and Mission

TSEF Membership

TSEF represents and engages with a diverse membership (>250). This includes third sector employability and training providers of both small and large scale, in rural and urban areas and with a range of specialisms. Members can be social enterprises, charitable organisations and third sector interfaces or other representative bodies. The Forum recognises that employability is also relevant to organisations working in other areas of social support. As such we also welcome organisations involved in providing benefit advice, housing support, mental health services and any others who see employability as relevant to their purpose.



THIRD SECTOR EMPLOYABILITY FORUM

GOVERNANCE

The Third Sector Employability Forum is supported and facilitated by an Executive Group. Established in 2011, the TSEF Executive is made up of a maximum of 14 volunteers selected to reflect diverse third sector perspectives involved in employability services in Scotland.

The TSEF is currently resourced entirely through voluntary activity of the Executive and membership. Online Forum space is hosted via SCVO, through the use of Basecamp

Pegs Bailey, Fife Voluntary Action Chair

Angela Moohan, The Larder

Ashley Ryan, Enable

Blyth Deans, The Lennox Partnership

Dougie Stevenson, Street League

Ged McEneaney, Apex Scotland

Jayne Chappell, Social Enterprise Scotland

Janice Hendry, YipWorld

John Hinton, Move On

Laura Millar, Fife Gingerbread

Leona McDermid, Aberdeen Foyer

Louise Goodlad, The Prince's Trust

Robin Turner, Routes to Work Ltd

Introducing the



Executive



Who TSEF Engage With

The Scottish Government

SLAED

DWP

The Improvement Service

Third Sector Interfaces
(TSI's)

Local Employability Partnerships (LEP's)

SCVO

COSLA

Employment Support
Scotland (ERSA)

- Monthly Chair's Update
- **Sharing useful information**
 - Improvement Service Report on Local Employability Partnerships
 - Third Sector Interface report on UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- **Encouraging transparency**
 - Publication of NOLB budgets by Local Authority
 - Sharing of performance stats
- **Hosting learning events**
 - UKSPF Webinar
 - DWP DPS2 Webinar
- **Building Opportunities to Connect and learn from each other**
 - TSEF open conversation
 - Conduct Surveys within the sector

Communicating With Members

**OUR MOST RECENT
IN-PERSON
TSEF MEETING**

AGENDA

- ✓ **Welcome & Introductions**
- ✓ **Scottish Government
Employability Policy**
- ✓ **The Role of the Improvement
Service**
- ✓ **Discussions**
- ✓ **BREAK**
- ✓ **UK Shared Prosperity Fund
and Q&A**
- ✓ **DWP Policy & Priorities**
- ✓ **Discussions**
- ✓ **Event Reflection & Close**

**THIRD SECTOR
EMPLOYABILITY
PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT
POST**

Purpose:

The Third Sector Employability Partnership Manager will work closely with Improvement Service colleagues to support both LEPs and Third Sector Interfaces (or alternative representative body) to grow effective representation and meaningful engagement across *all* 32 local authority areas in Scotland, with a particular focus on those who are further behind

**HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER
OF THE THIRD SECTOR
EMPLOYABILITY FORUM?**

MEMBERSHIP:

**IF YOU ARE A THIRD SECTOR
ORGANISATION DELIVERING
EMPLOYABILITY SERVICES IN
SCOTLAND, AND WOULD LIKE
TO JOIN TSEF CONTACT:**

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Questions / Discussions ?



THANK YOU

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