

Strategic Partnership Highlight & Exception Report



Strategic Partnership (Name of Partnership you are reporting on)	Third Sector Partnership (Islay and Jura CVS and Argyll Voluntary Action)
CPP Thematic Group (i.e Economy, Environment or Social Affairs)	Social Affairs
CPP Outcome (please select – you can select more than one outcome) Please refer to attached table for more detail on each CPP Outcome.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP01 – competitive and successful businesses <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP02 – sustainable economic assets <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP03 – vibrant towns that are centres of economic growth <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP04 – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP05 – Utilising our environment to create employment and prosperity <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP06 – Protecting our unique area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved <input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP010 – our diverse culture is celebrated

Activity Summary in Period

(please state period you are reporting on)

April – mid July 2011

Islay and Jura CVS

- IJCVS continue to develop community consultation projects, the funding of which helps support local groups.
- Arranged for a specialist consultant to visit Islay to meet with two social enterprises and the local high school to address opportunities available in the renewable energy sector.
- Protecting Vulnerable Groups training organised.
- Continue to support South Islay Development with their Festival of the Sea project.
- Hosted the 'viewpoint' drama to engage those currently not involved with the community planning process – this gave some great results. Organising a similar event to viewpoint for school children to introduce them to community planning.
- Supporting 4 local groups with organisational activities.
- Currently looking at establishing a very small 'minute taking' social enterprise (or new business) for a local person.
- Developed and distributed 'tendering' document for community bakery consultation offering additional points to social enterprises who tender.
- Worked with one primary school (hoping to roll out to the other two) discussing the idea of charities and social enterprises with children.
- Organised for consultant to visit to meet with school and Islay Volunteer development to discuss developing a timebank.
- Organised Third Sector Forum meeting (called Voluntary Voices) for July with a member of a mainland forum coming along to address the group as to how her forum operates.
- Hosted the digital advice switchover event which was well attended and feedback suggests many local people would not have coped with the switchover without our input.

Argyll Voluntary Action

has received and dealt with 3,832 enquiries to date plus a further

	<p>92 social enterprise enquiries.</p> <p>Our offices have been visited by 1,191 people whilst website hits have increased to 5,557 for the period. AVA has attended and represented at 113 meetings in addition to holding or attending 102 community engagement events, meetings or groups across Argyll and Bute and supporting five area third sector fora.</p> <p>Activity is therefore very high, and appears to be an increasing trend. We have circulated 22 bulletins to keep the wider sector informed and updated.</p> <p>We have trained 19 organisations and 57 individuals across a range of topics and produced and distributed 20 resources.</p> <p>9 new groups have come into being with our support and 11 organisations are in receipt of intensive and ongoing support currently. 345 volunteers have found opportunities or matches recently and 51 new volunteers have been registered; this activity remains buoyant although there is always further demand for volunteers.</p> <p>A very successful Volunteer of the Year was held with A&B Council on 17th June, attended by many Councillors, colleagues from A& B Council, Bill Brackenridge, Chair, CHP, MSP Mike Russell, the Provost, William Petrie and others. Over 100 people attended; details of winners can be found of www.argyllcommunities.org.uk and www.argyllvoluntryaction.org.uk .</p> <p>AVA attended the Cabinet meeting in Fort William and was pleased to have the opportunity to speak with John Swinney after, highlighting Argyll and Bute’s unique rural challenges, its need for a vibrant third sector, public sector procurement and touching on other issues. Mr Swinney confirmed the next financial settlement would be for the 2 years and has invited a dialogue between ourselves which we will be taking up shortly.</p> <p>Argyll Voluntary Action, has also just achieved it EFQM, ‘Committed to Excellence’ award and joins IJCVS as the two partners to be awarded within the Third Sector Partnership.</p>
<p>Key Challenges &</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Islay and Jura CVS</u> • IJCVS’s project getting ‘hijacked’ with rarely any profile

Actions to Address	<p>accredited to this organisation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership database is still low despite advert in the paper asking for people to contact IJCVS with update contact details. • Commitment from local people to attend events and training. There seems genuine interest but poor weather or a clash of activities results in non attendance. • Low board member numbers. • <u>Argyll Voluntary Action</u> • Our organisational funding – we are not immune from current challenges to access funds. • Strategic plan revision and plans where services may or can be changed or reduced. Highlighted that we carry out many services which are not mandatory for an interface and require to assess within future conditions.
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