Third Sector Reference Group

Minutes

4/5/2026

Present: Bruce Crawford, Paul Wilson, Benjamin Napier, Biddy Kelly, Steve Lawrence, Shelly-Ann Brown, Stephanie Anne Harris, Charlie Cumming, Laurene Edgar, Ranajit Majumder, Helena Richards, Sarah Van Putten, Guest speakers: Elena Grant, Chris Adams

Agenda

1. Apologies

None

2. Update on Funding from Elena Grant and Chris Adams

Joined online at 3.30pm, continued along the agenda.

Chris' presented on - **Third Sector Grants Programme** – **Process and next steps.**

Members to email Stephanie-Anne if they have any comments/reflections from the session, and will collate and send back to Chris.

3. Notes from April's meeting

Once approved for ongoing minutes, the TSRG group can email Shelly-Ann to confirm it is okay and she can proceed to upload on the https://www.edinburghtsi.org.uk/third-sector-reference-group/ website. Shelly-Ann can get log-ins to upload to the website - to liaise with Bruce/Paul for this. No changes to the April minute - can proceed to add to the website.

4. Co-opting other members

Kimberley Swan from Fair Advice. Bruce to confirm.

5. Progress with Sub-groups:

Adult Protection: Marion Findlay (Volunteer Edinburgh) has drafted and will feed through Paul to the group.

Prevention subgroup: Biddy Kelly - meeting with Ran next week and will propose to SHAPE next Wednesday. Hope by the next TSRG meeting a Draft TOR document will be provided.

Evaluation: what can we do with the previous work back in 2017 onward. Stephanie-Anne to liaise and update the group.

6. Planning /ideas for Open Session on 18th June

- Overview of what the TSRG is/the team etc.
- Scottish Parliament - public engagement - as a guest speaker - How do we engage with MSPs etc.
- Talk on the sector in Edinburgh and what it means to work in the sector - inspirational talk - Ewan Aitken potential speaker - Bruce to speak to Ewan and confirm attendance.
- Funding and co-production - potential talk also, but not much time to be spent on this.
- Missing link between TS, NHS, and funding - potential speaker? Who? (tentative)
- Attendees to throw ideas at the meeting/what do they want to see from the TSRG - create space for this discussion.
- Will use the event to publish/launch the SoS report 2025/26
- 10-12noon on 18th of June, open meeting, invites to all in the sector, generally should be fun/exciting/uplifting session,
- Charteris Centre a possible venue TBC, (Norton Park is already booked).
- Need to start publicising this event ASAP
- To be called: **Third Sector connects (agreed)**
- Paul Wilson has expressed interest to help with organising.

7. AOCB

Key council committee dates to note and review of committee papers beforehand:

Culture and Communities Committee meeting; 14/05/2026

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board meeting; 19/05/2026

Edinburgh Partnership meeting; 10/06/2026

Finance and Resources Committee - 23/06/2026

8. Date of next meeting(s)

1st June 2026; 2.30-4.30pm online – calendar invite sent to members.