

Theme 4 Third Sector Organisational Development

MSG Programme Period 4 (July-September 2016) Performance Report

Theme 4 – Third Sector Organisational Development: This theme focuses on seeking key outcomes including:

- Increased number of local VCS organisations with Quality Assurance accreditations
- Increased levels of external grant funding secured by local VCS organisations
- Increase in the number of organisation able to effectively manage grant funded activities and better demonstrate the impact of their work
- Improved sustainability of specialist resources that are used by a wide range of third sector organisations to deliver their work

Theme 4 is focused on supporting organisations rather than individual beneficiaries. Organisations from across the borough are currently being supported by the Theme 4 projects.

- In relation to support for LBTH Funded Organisations training/support sessions have been provided covering a range of activities including those outlined below.
 - governance
 - fundraising
 - premises
 - LBTH on-line monitoring system
 - recruitment of project staff
 - volunteering
- In relation to Supporting VCS organisations based in Tower Hamlets training/support sessions have been provided covering a range of activities including those outlined below.
 - insurance
 - policies and procedures
 - data protection
 - volunteering
 - volunteering standards
 - fundraising

Project Portfolio – Resources

No. of live projects – Jul-Sep 16	No. of projects classed as GREEN	No. of projects classed as AMBER	No. of projects classed as RED
3	3	0	0

There 3 projects in this category; all of which are classed as ‘Green’ and are on course to meet the agreed expenditure targets, service outputs and outcomes as indicated in monitoring reports received.

Support to Council funded organisations

Project, which is a partnership between THVCS and Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets, provides training, advice and support to organisations funded by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets in order to develop their systems and improve their financial and project management.

Project has been successful overall in delivering its output targets, assisting LBTH grant-funded organisations to be ready to deliver their Council-funded projects. Areas which the project has provided support to organisations on includes LBTH monitoring system, premises, fundraising, governance, staff recruitment, volunteering, charity registration, grant agreements, sustainability, pensions, service user involvement, health and safety and social media.

Project has delivered a number of training courses relating to voluntary sector management, policy and volunteering. Feedback from organisations participating in these courses has been favourable.

Supporting VCS organisations based in Tower Hamlets

Project, which is a partnership between THCVS, Volunteering Centre Tower Hamlets and Tower Hamlets Community Transport, assists voluntary organisations in the borough, through advice and training, to develop and maintain effective systems, plan effectively, raise funds, manage projects and staff and achieve quality assurance accreditations.

Project has been successful overall in delivering its output targets and supporting the development of a strong voluntary sector in the borough. It has provided advice to organisations on a range of areas, including fundraising, staff management, setting up new organisations, volunteering, data protection, premises and pensions. It has also delivered a range of training course dealing with volunteering and voluntary sector management - e.g. staff management and training for trustees.

Feedback from organisations participating in this training has been positive. The project has also delivered Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme accredited training in driving and first aid and delivered minibus journeys to support local voluntary sector activity.

Strategic Partner Project

Project provides and supports representation, networking and partnership among voluntary sector organisations and between the statutory, business and voluntary sectors in the borough. Project's main achievements over first funding year include:

- input into and support on consultation process for LBTH Community Building Review process
- made representations to Commissioners and worked with LBTH Officers to secure revisions to Main Stream Grant Payment By Results process
- support in the consultation process for LBTH Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy
- involvement in the co-production process for LBTH Cohesion Commissioning
- working with partners to widen the membership of the Third Sector Advisory Board.