

# Annual Members Report 2017/18



## Welcome From Our Chair - Paul Parlby

I am pleased to introduce the sixth Annual Report for Salford Third Sector Consortium. This report I believe reflects another successful year for the Consortium and its successful growth over the past few years.

This year has been challenging in terms of the conclusion of our Community Learning Provision after three successful years of delivery, the conclusion of grant funded delivery including an Awards for All bid to support our members and further health funding to support older people. However it has been business as usual for members delivering the successful Tech and Tea contract from Salford Public Health.

As Chair of Salford's Third Sector Consortium I am personally grateful to our partners for their shared values, commitment and dedication in working with the Consortium and its members to make a positive difference in Salford. As a consortium we are committed to supporting our members and their strength in delivery local services to residents. Last year we were able to ensure over 99% of our expenditure went directly to our members ensuring we fulfil our purpose of supporting voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations to gain investment to deliver services for the benefit of Salford residents.

The next twelve months see a mixture of challenges and opportunities for the Consortium. The current economic climate has seen competition for tenders and contracts increase which places the Consortium in a continually competitive market. However, 2018 will see the launch of our new programme "Wellbeing Matters" which will see our members deliver a GM Transformation Fund funded project to help improve the health and wellbeing of residents.

In closing I would like to thank Salford CVS for their ongoing support and hub function in particular Marie Wilson for all her hard work supporting the Consortium over the years, the members for their ongoing delivery and support but I would also like to recognise the contribution of our Consortium Board members who oversee our work, help advice on our strategic direction and take a lead on different developments. Together you are the Salford Third Sector Consortium and I genuinely believe that we are "Stronger Connected".



## **The Consortium's Vision & Mission**

Our vision is: "Through strong and trusted partnerships, building on the good practice, experience and strength of our members to deliver quality services rooted in the community in order to improve the lives of people in Salford."

Our Mission is: To win contracts and secure investment to enable local organisations to deliver high quality services.

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## **Our Membership**

We are only as strong as our membership and since our last AGM we have continued to maintain our membership base at 85 organisations.

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## **Consortium Infrastructure**

All our board members are elected from within the Consortium's membership to help ensure it reflects the needs of the members.

Our current board members are -

- Paul Parlby (Crossroads) - Chair
- Gerry Stone (St Sebastians) - Vice Chair
- Bernadette Elder (Inspiring Communities Together) - Treasurer
- Mike Ormerod (Groundwork MSSTT)- Company Secretary
- Bernadette Conlon (Start in Salford)
- John Phillips (Langworthy Cornerstone Association)
- Alec McFadden (Salford Unemployed Community Resource Centre)

All our board members are volunteers so we would like to thank them for their ongoing support and effort on behalf of our members.

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### Key Delivery Achievements

During the year 2017-18 the Consortium has continued to grow and mature as an organisation. During 2017-18 the Consortium has achieved the following:

- We have maintained a solid membership of 85 voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations members. Our membership organisations are based across and surrounding areas and work across a range of thematic areas and service a diverse group of users and needs across the city.
- The consortium successfully delivered the second year of Tech and Tea. The project has proven successful and delivery will continue to the end of the commissioning period in March 2019. The project is led by Inspiring Communities Together delivering alongside Corinth Training CIC and MadLab. The project delivers in community venues across the city providing additional value to those neighbourhood assets.
- June 2017 saw the conclusion of the community learning programme delivery but until that point 13 members continued to receive funding through the programme (Binoh, Broughton Trust, Corinth Training CiC, Community Social Inclusion Network, Europia, Faith Inter Training Ltd Society, Hershel Weiss Children and Family Centre, Inspiring Communities Together, MadLab, Start in Salford, TDB Partnership CiC, THOMAS and Wai Yin Society)
- This financial period also saw the successful completion of two grants programmes:
  - Lunch and Learn (funded through Salford CCG and Salford CVS Little Pot of Health Programme) which benefitted 66 local residents and was delivered in partnership with 10 other organisations from both within and outside of our membership.
  - Membership Support Project (funded through Awards for All) saw 26 member organisations benefit from a range of events and activities and an improved communication offer to all our existing members
- Salford Third Sector Consortium continues to aspire to ensure a high standard of governance and compliance. This included not only an annual review of our policies but also additional work to ensure that the Consortium meets the incoming General Data Protection Regulations.
- The consortium continues to work to secure contracts and funding for our membership, facilitating a number of group planning sessions and submitting tenders. At the time of writing the consortium is in advanced negotiations regarding its role in the delivery of the Salford “Wellbeing Matters” programme which will see consortium members establishing a social prescribing model across the city.

### **The Future**

With the completion of grants delivery and the Community Learning Programme the Consortium has faced a mixture of challenges within the past financial year. However, there are a number of positive opportunities and plans for the future period.

The Consortium continues to actively pursue delivery within the Work and Skill agenda. The Consortium were engaged with a number of Prime Contractors within the bidding process for the recent Greater Manchester Work and Health procurement processes and continues to seek to build positive partnerships and relationships in this area in preparation for the devolution of the Adult Education Budget to Greater Manchester.

At the end of the financial year the Consortium was in advanced discussions regarding leading delivery aspects of the Salford “Wellbeing Matters” Programme to begin delivery in 2018/19. The programme funded through Greater Manchester Health Transformation Funding will see a number of our members take an active lead in the delivery of a Social Prescribing model across Salford and within their own geographic neighbourhoods.

The consortium only works as effectively as its members. We will be looking at how we can engage the membership more in our business planning processes to build both potential bids and project but also capacity within our delivery utilising lead providers. Linked to this we continue to seek to strengthen the consortiums board through an active trustee recruitment process to ensure that board has sufficient skills to continue to move the consortiums whilst reflecting its membership

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### **Consortium Hub Support**

Salford CVS continue to provide much valued support to the Consortium. Through a service level agreement Salford CVS provide ongoing development and backroom services as well as hosting our hub manager:

Marie Wilson — Consortium and Partnerships Manager

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