



Salford CVS
making a difference in Salford

Salford VCSE conference - 'Brave New World?'

Speaker Biographies

10.00 Plenary 1:

Introduction from the Chair – Alison Page, CEO, Salford CVS

Alison became the Chief Executive of Salford CVS in April 2013. Alison has worked in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector for 30 years, including acting as founder Chief Executive of a large social enterprise in North Lancashire for 14 years and prior to that working in Manchester-based co-operatives for over 10 years. Alison has significant experience of being a volunteer too – from becoming a Samaritan at aged 18 to chairing a wide range of local groups, regional bodies and national charities. This includes being a Governor of an FE College for 10 years and chairing a Sustainability Partnership comprising over 40 cross-sectoral partners.

Keynote speaker 1 – Julian Corner, CEO, Lankelly Chase Foundation 'Communities as Assets'

Julian Corner joined Lankelly Chase Foundation as its Chief Executive in 2011, since when it has refocused its strategy on severe and multiple disadvantage and systems change. His previous roles in the voluntary sector include Chief Executive of the criminal justice and mental health charity Revolving Doors Agency. Julian has twice worked as a civil servant, mainly in the Home Office but also in the Department for Education and Employment and the Social Exclusion Unit (SEU). While at the SEU he led its report on reducing re-offending by ex-prisoners which led to the creation of the National Reducing Re-Offending Strategy. He is currently a trustee of Clinks, the membership body for voluntary organisations that work with offenders and their families

Keynote speaker 2 – Matthew Jackson, Deputy CEO, Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) 'GM Devolution and what it means for the VCSE sector'

Matthew Jackson is the Deputy Chief Executive of the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES). CLES is the UK's leading think-tank and research organisation dedicated to local economic development. Matthew has worked at CLES for the last ten years in a variety of research and policy focused roles. He has a particular specialism around how public procurement can be utilised to stimulate local economic, social, and environmental benefits for places. Matthew has also undertaken a number of pieces of work around the voluntary and community sector. This includes work around the value of grants and the equalities impacts of austerity with Voluntary Sector North West.

Q&A session

10.45 – 10.55 TEA BREAK

11.00 – 12.00 Workshops – strand 1: ‘Hard Times’ - the continuing impact of austerity on Salford’s communities – how can the sector respond?

Grant Funding workshop

Nasir Hussain, Big Lottery Fund

Nasir Hussain (Funding Officer, Early Contact) for the Big Lottery Fund supports the delivery of Big Lottery Fund's early advice and support to customers wanting to access funding by providing support to customers from the very beginning of their journey with the Big Lottery Fund. Prior to joining BIG, Nas spent 5 years with Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO), as a Policy and Partnerships Officer, to influence social and economic policy and supported the delivery of the transforming justice programme led by GMCVO.

Catherine McIntyre, Children in Need

Catherine is the Regional Officer for BBC Children in Need looking after Greater Manchester and Lancashire. She has been with Children in Need for 18 months, and before that she was the Senior Grant Officer at the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Alison Jones, Salford CVS

Alison Jones is a member of the Salford CVS's Development Team, Alison has experience in working with community, voluntary and social enterprise organisations by providing specialist advice, information and guidance. Her current work areas include delivering Safeguarding training and Trustee training. Her professional background is in play, childcare and community development.

Fundraising workshop

Ann Hedley, Institute of Fundraising

Ann has been involved in the voluntary sector for over 30 years and after a short sojourn back to her native North East has returned to Manchester. She has advised a number of charities and not for profit organisations throughout Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Cumbria and regularly sits on the IoF North West Fundraising Clinic panel. Specialising in Trusts and Foundations research and applications, strategy, business and financial planning she has also mentored Fundraisers and is a Trainer for the IoFNW.

Lucy Edwards, The Fed

Lucy Edwards has worked as a Trusts, Foundations and Bids Fundraiser for the past 3 years. After taking a degree in Women’s Studies and Sociology in 1996 she went on to work for a variety of 3rd sector organisations including Crossroads Caring for Carers, Groundwork and D.I.A.L. (Disability Information Advice Line).

Lucy’s current role involves the preparation and submission of funding applications to charitable trusts and foundations as well as the submission of tender documents. Her organisation, the Fed, is one of the North West of England’s oldest Jewish charities which has been operating since 1867.

John Lightfoot, Barton Athletic Club

John Lightfoot is a retired engineer, who has been involved with Barton AC for 51 years. John started as a Wrestler at the age of 15 and won 4 National Junior Wrestling titles by the age of 20. John also wrestled internationally and went on to successfully coach Barton AC Wrestling Team. John has also worked as the Centre of Excellence Coach for the North West – 12 years and National Schoolboy Coach – 4 years. John has been prominent on Committees including; Barton Athletic Club for over 40 years as the Treasurer, British Wrestling Association for 30 years as Treasurer and Vice President, English Wrestling Association for 30 years and he held Chairman's post for 8 years. John represented wrestling on the Commonwealth Games Council of England for 12 years.

Kalima Patel, Salford CVS

Kalima has worked at Salford CVS for over 11 years and has extensive experience in working with community, voluntary and social enterprise organisations by providing specialist advice, information and guidance. Her current work areas include coordinating panel meetings for 'Little Pot of Health' grants, delivering training, and working with funders. Out of work Kalima is a school governor and enjoys fundraising for good causes this includes running and jumping out planes!

Social Investment Workshop

Ged Devlin, Co-operatives UK

Ged works for the Community Shares Unit, supported by the Department of Communities and Local Government and delivered in partnership by Locality and Co-operatives UK. His work involves support investors, intermediaries and other organisations involved in community enterprise and social investment.

Previously Ged worked on projects for undertakings as diverse as Corporate Financiers and Private Equity Firms. He helped design innovative financing solutions, as well as advising and supporting not-for-private-profit organisations. After qualifying from the University of Law, Ged started working in the social economy. Ged has worked extensively with enterprises in the social economy. He's helped establish new enterprises, developed existing businesses and is especially engaged with organisations using new and innovative ideas to develop collaborative approaches to solving problems.

Simon Thorrington, Charity Bank

Simon Thorrington is Charity Bank's Regional Director in the North, with a portfolio of charity and social enterprise relationships primarily in the North West, having been with the bank since 2006. His working life began with a 15 year career in lending with Midland Bank, followed by a further 15 years in the charity sector, working for a large faith charity, and then establishing two new charities in the region involved in regeneration, and the provision of support and accommodation for homeless people. Simon is a trustee of three charities, and has a passion for helping charities to realise their full potential.

12.00 – 12.45 LUNCH

12.45 – 1.45 Workshops – strand 2: 'A Tale of 2 Cities' – DevoManc: challenges and opportunities.

There will be 3 workshops on the topics of

GM Devolution Workshop

Warren Escadale, Voluntary Sector North West

Warren Escadale is the new Acting Chief Executive of Voluntary Sector North West (VSNW). Prior to this he was the Policy and Research Manager at VSNW for over six years, having previously worked for the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA) for ten years.

Matthew Jackson, CLES

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GM European Funding Workshop

Angeliki Stogia, New Economy Manchester

Angeliki has over 10 years' experience providing information advice and practical support in accessing the European Social Fund and the European Regional Development Fund in the North West. Angeliki is currently seconded to New Economy Manchester to support the team with developing calls for the 2014-2020 European funding programming period. She is leading on the development of a Greater Manchester social enterprise support programme and a support programme for marginalised groups to help bring them towards economic activity. Angeliki is seconded to New Economy from Network for Europe which champions the involvement of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in delivery of European funded programmes.

Angeliki has acquired extensive theoretical and practical knowledge of the European Union's funding system and has a sound understanding of programming and implementation of various EU funding schemes and programmes at European level, as well as their implementation at a local level. She has extensive experience of working with VCSE organisations across the North West and her areas of interest include partnership development, building sustainable resilient communities, social enterprise and finance and social value.

Andy Churchill, Network for Europe

Andy has been involved in European Structural Investment Funds for the last few decades. Network for Europe exists to work with the Third Sector in the North West in its involvement with these funds, and is supported by Technical Assistance from the two main ones, ERDF and ESF. It is part of the Programme Development Funding group delivering first stage support for the Big Lottery (with GMCVO and New Economy).

Marie Graham, GMCVO

Marie Graham (previously Brookfield) has worked in the Voluntary and Community Sector for 27 years as a volunteer, paid worker and board member. The first part of her career was working in a user led Community Mental Health organisation in Bolton before moving to work in a variety of local infrastructure organisations at differing levels. After a brief spell (four years) living and

working in different countries Marie is now working as a Programme Manager at GMCVO with responsibility European funding.

GM Collaboration / Consortia

Tessa Wiley, Big Lottery Fund

Tessa Wiley has worked for Big Lottery Fund for the last ten years in a number of different roles. She is currently Policy & Learning Manager covering Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Warrington, seeking opportunities to ensure learning from Fund investments is shared. Tessa has overseen the roll out of a number of strategic investments across the North West region, including Talent Match in Liverpool City Region. Tessa also manages the Communities Living Sustainably programme, which is testing how communities can learn to respond to the impact of climate change. Tessa was one of the founding members of the North West Regional Funders Forum. Prior to her work at Big Lottery Fund Tessa worked at Rochdale Museums Service and Stockport Heritage Services, including the development of Touchstones Centre and Hat Works, the Museum of Hatting.

Anna Hynes, Better Futures Tameside (CVAT)

Anna manages CVAT's strategic policy work and partnership development including our Asset Based Community Development programme, and the development of our Social Value work. Over the last 6 years she has supported local Voluntary and Community groups and partners to develop and deliver Health, Care and Wellbeing programmes and services in Tameside that support local communities including; managing formal collaboration models such as our Children, Young People and Families consortium Better Futures Tameside, the development of commissioning practice locally and advocating for the VCFS at a strategic level. Throughout 2012, Anna provided the CEO function to a local community anchor organisation delivering community health development and Youth Work.

Keith Hatton, CALLplus

Keith Hatton was born in Bolton, Lancashire, and spent over 26 years as a musician in the Regular Army before retiring in 2002. After brief spells working for Central and Local Government Keith joined CALLplus in May 2008 where he oversees the smooth running of services in Greater Manchester. Keith's hobbies include being a Pets as Therapy (PAT) volunteer and conducting the Poynton Royal British Legion Concert Band and the Altrincham Concert Orchestra.

Marie Wilson, Salford Third Sector Consortium

Marie has been the Salford Third Sector Consortium's hub manager since November. She has worked in the sector for a number of years and most recently was the Senior Development Manager for the English Federation of Disability Sport, where she provided a range of policy support to other organisations and lead on the delivery of the organisations key delivery contract. Outside of work she is active volunteer and as well as support her local sports club in Manchester she was also a volunteer at London 2012 and the recent Commonwealth Games.

1.55 Plenary 2:

Introduction from the Chair – **Louise Murray, Deputy CEO, Salford CVS**

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Louise has worked at Salford CVS for 10 years, initially creating a network of voluntary youth groups, then responding to the agenda of Every Child Matters and the creation of Children's Trusts. Her role in more recent years as a member of Salford CVS Senior Management Team has been both strategic and operational contributing to the work of the Children's Trust Board and Salford Safeguarding Children Board as well as the development and oversight of CVS services. Louise has also been a trustee for a local voluntary organisation working with women who have experienced domestic abuse. Louise is passionate about service user voice and the difference that the voluntary and community sector makes every day throughout the world.

Keynote speaker 3 – Kathy Evans, CEO, Children England

Declaration of Interdependence'

Kathy Evans, Children England

Kathy became CEO of Children England in April 2013, having been its Deputy CEO since May 2010. Founded in 1942 by a group of the major children's charities operating at the time, Children England is the membership body for children's charities, voluntary and community sector organisations in England.

After graduating from Trinity College Cambridge with a degree in Social and Political Sciences, Kathy took a full-time CSV volunteer placement in a voluntary sector children's home, an experience that inspired her to train in counselling, and to work with young people in LA secure accommodation for several years. She moved into policy work in 1996: firstly for DrugScope, specialising in drug treatment for young people; then in 2001 to The Children's Society where she was Policy Director until 2009. During her career Kathy has been the Chair of the Standing Committee for Youth Justice, a Trustee of the Children's Rights Alliance for England, a member of the ACMD Hidden Harm implementation group and DCSF Care Matters advisory group. She was also consultant to the Police Foundation and Justice, devising potential alternatives to Youth Courts, to support the Independent Commission on Youth Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Keynote speaker 4 – Tessa Wiley, Policy and Learning Manager, England Directorate, Big Lottery Fund

'Big Lottery plans from 2015 onwards – Greater Manchester'

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Q&A session

2.45 – 3.00 TEA BREAK

3.00 – 4.00 Workshops – strand 3: 'A Taste of Honey' - communities as assets.

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Salford Communities as Assets Workshop

Anne-Marie Pickup, Inspiring Communities Together

Ann-Marie Pickup has lived in the Charlestown and Kersal area of Salford all her life and has been an active member of her local community for over 20 years. Including Chair of children's school governing body, Chair regeneration programme New Deal for Communities between 2001 -2011, Chair Inspiring Communities Together since 2011, Chair East Salford Community Committee since 2010. Anne is an active member of East Salford Neighbourhood Partnership Board along side representing East Salford Community Committee as a Governor at Salford Royal Foundation Trust and a member of Salford Strategic Partnership.

Linda Carr, Inspiring Communities Together

Linda has lived in Kersal for many years and has engaged in community life during this time. Linda was a member of the New Deal for Communities Board and helped to set up the successor vehicle. Linda is now a Trustee of Inspiring Communities Together alongside being engaged in many other neighbourhood activities. This includes running the local residents group, School Governor at Lower Kersal primary School, active member of East Salford Community Committee and a member of the East Salford devolved budget group making recommendations on small grant applications from community groups. Following attending a photography course Linda has worked recently with others to set up a CHALK camera club. Securing funds to purchase equipment and go on field trips.

Graham Cooper, Albert's of Salford Community Interest Company

Graham is a youth worker, volunteer and community activist in Salford, working with young people, families and local residents in the most disadvantaged and deprived communities in the city. He has been working with The Broughton Trust as project manager for thier Youth Contract since 2014 and have been employed since 2009 in youth work related fields. Graham is also a director of Albert's Community Interest Company and Chair of Oliver's youth club. Graham is passionate about local people having a voice and is an advocate on behalf of young people in relation to the Crime and police commissioners Stop and Search public panel.

Julia Spencer, University of Salford

Julia joined the University of Salford in 2008 and embarked on the exciting journey of developing a volunteering service within the Student Life Directorate in October 2010. Through her role she has been privileged to meet and work with many of the organisations within the local community that drive forward projects and initiatives aimed at enhancing the lives of local people. The most exciting part of her role is working with individuals within those organisations to find solutions to the problems others have given up on but still present significant barriers to local people.

Claire Roberts, Volunteer Centre Salford

Claire Roberts is a Development Worker at Volunteer Centre Salford and has worked in the Volunteer Centre for 8 years. Volunteer Centre Salford is one of the services offered by Salford CVS. It works to promote positive volunteering in Salford and provides a range of services to both potential volunteers and to organisations who involve volunteers. Claire supports individuals to find volunteering opportunities and helps organisations to develop and promote their opportunities. The

Volunteer Centre provides training courses for organisations such as Volunteers and the Law and Introduction to Volunteering for individuals, we offer good practice advice, run a 100 hours recognition scheme for all Salford volunteers and organise an annual ceremony to celebrate volunteering; The Heart of Salford Awards.

Social Value Workshop

Anne Lythgoe, Social Audit Network

Anne Lythgoe works as Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy Manager at Salford City Council, supporting the operation, governance and business planning of Salford's Health and Wellbeing Board. She is part of a team leading a programme of reform around social value - which started by supporting commissioning and procurement in Health and Social Care, and has now become the Salford Social Value City initiative.

Anne is a qualified social accountant and auditor, has published several articles and research papers about evaluation, particularly focusing on the practice of social accounting and audit, and is Treasurer of the Social Audit Network.

Francesca Archer-Todde, Being Well Salford

Francesca Archer-Todde is the Service manager for Being Well Salford, a level 2 health and wellbeing service commissioned by Salford City Council. Before coming to Salford, Francesca finished her MA in Social and Public Policy, researching the interface between policy making and policy acting within the 3rd Sector, and evaluating complex and complicated social interventions. She is currently project managing the evaluation of the Being Well Salford Service including the Social Value element, and has recently completed the Social Accounting Network's training provided by Salford CVS.

Elaine Sams, Quality and Performance Manager, City West Housing Trust

Elaine has worked in social housing for over 20 years, managing and delivering front line services in Wythenshawe and Nottingham and being a Housing Inspector for the Audit Commission. Elaine is currently working at City West Housing Trust as the lead for performance, which includes developing and publishing annual social accounts to evidence the return on investment of corporate social responsibility activities. City West Housing Trust are a not-for-profit housing association set up in October 2008 to accept the transfer of properties from Salford City Council. City West currently own 14,600 homes in West Salford and define our aspirations through our vision: "City West will be a 'can-do, will-do' organisation supporting neighbourhoods and communities where people want to live."

Social Enterprise and Innovation Workshop

Nickala Torkington, UnLtd

Nickala has spent the last 12 years developing infrastructure, organisations and enterprises where Social Entrepreneurs can thrive. A Social Entrepreneur herself, she has designed, resourced and operationally delivered a range of social enterprises in North West England. Her current role as Partnership Support Manager at UnLtd, involves engaging with the HE and FE sectors in the UK and internationally, to capacity build institutions, unlock potential and build ecosystems of support

and resources for social entrepreneurs. She has been supporting a range of partners in the Greater Manchester area to build a cluster of support as well as a network of 'Women Supporting Social Entrepreneurs' to share learning, network and fill gaps in support needs for women social entrepreneurs.

Jon Monk, The Business Group Salford

Jon Monk is development manager of The Business Group Salford and has spent the last 7 years attempting to find innovative ways of providing support to businesses, community organisations and individuals who want to start or grow their enterprises as well as working on research projects on transnational entrepreneurship, social enterprise and employability.

Christian Loftus, Social adVentures

Before joining Social adVentures Christian ran an independent business management and marketing consultancy. He is a member of the National Social Marketing Centre and holds a degree in Industrial Management. For 7 years, Christian was the Director of OWM, a private recycling and waste management firm based in Cheshire and was previously head of marketing for a homewares distribution company. In 2012 Christian joined Social adVentures to become Director of Business Development. Social adVentures is a wellbeing social enterprise with the bold aim of inspiring people to lead healthy and happy lives. Social adVentures deliver a portfolio of public sector contracts alongside social businesses.

4.10 Closing remarks: What Next? – Alison Page, CEO, Salford CVS

4.30 Close