

Skye and Lochalsh CVO Year-End Case Study 1 Understanding the Impact and Diversity of the Third Sector April 2020 to March 2021

Delivery Outcome: The understanding of the impact and diversity of activity delivered by the Third Sector in Highland will be improved.

Project Outcomes:

- The TSI is able to demonstrate an understanding of Third Sector characteristics and economics from a strong evidence base
- The TSI has a competent and multifaceted communication strategy to engage stakeholders both for gathering and sharing intelligence of the Sector in Highland.
- The TSI has a common repository for gathering intelligence on the Sector in a consistent method throughout the region.
- The TSI can effectively use the intelligence gathered on the Sector and community activity to influence and inform policy and service development within Highland.
- COVID 19 Response We will take a leading role in understanding and sharing intelligence around community response.
- COVID 19 Response We will undertake any necessary and appropriate task to trouble shoot gaps, crisis and other issues within communities and the Sector response.

Activities Delivered

- We have developed an Access database to record Third Sector Organisations in Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross. Data was taken from OSCR and Companies House, SLCVO's members database, Skye and Lochalsh Health and Well-being Directory and HTSI 2016 Census. (Work Plan 1.1 and 1.8)
- Our membership application form has been updated to capture and check information held on the Third Sector database (Work Plan 1.6)
- We have developed an information form that will be used to capture and check information held on the Third Sector database when dealing with enquiries (Work Plan 1.7)
- An Area Profile of Third Sector Groups in Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross has been created from information in the database (Work Plan 1.1 and 1.9)
- We collated details about the Covid-19 response initiatives across Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross and shared with local community response groups, the Highland Council Shielding Hubs and HTSI Covid Directory (Work Plan 5.3)
- We supported three Third Sector community response hubs for Ullapool (lead by Ullapool Community Trust), Lochalsh (led by Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust) and Skye (led by Portree and Braes Community Trust). We attended most meetings, sharing information between the Highland Council and hub about need and response initiatives. (Work Plan 5.4)
- Through our Covid-19 Community Calls service we were able to identify gaps in provision or those requiring additional support and work with the Highland Council Hubs, local groups and volunteers to ensure individuals had the support they needed (Work Plan 5.7)

Evidence of Action/Activity

- Database was completed at the start of March 2021
- As of 31st March 2021, 416 groups have been recorded on the database
- Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross Third Sector profile submitted with case study
- Skye and Lochalsh Application Form, available if required
- Skye and Lochalsh Group Information Form, available if required

Verification/Evidence of Impact

- This year has been focused on the development and population of the database. We anticipate the database and profiles will be used more in 2021/22 by the SLWR Community Partnership who are working on a Skye and Raasay Investment plan and possibly a Wester Ross investment plan, the Lochalsh Collaboration Hub who are developing a Community Led Action Plan and other group for targeted portion and engagement
- Covid-19 Community Response and Resilience Survey in October 2020, https://ac579b02-524a-4b32-8beb-35172497fd8a.filesusr.com/ugd/Obe1a8_81857e8a8db047beb2190275182faaf0.pdf