

Community Works members' conference

A Collaborative Sector?

9.45am – 16.00pm, Thursday 13 December 2018

Brighthelm Centre, North Road, Brighton BN1 1YD

9.30 – 9.45	Registration
9.45 – 10.00	Welcome from Community Works (Main Auditorium)
10.00 – 10.50	<p>Plenary: A Collaborative Sector?</p> <p>Exploring our theme of the day. Drawing on examples of successful collaboration, this interactive session will provide practical tips to become an even better collaborative leader and highlight the importance of 'vulnerable' communication.</p>
10.50 – 11.00	Break
11.00 – 13.00	<p>Morning session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Challenges of Leading Collaboratively, <i>Peter Burton</i> or b. Health and Social Care Network or c. Coffee and Croissant Hub Networking – Learning from a multi-organisation cross sector collaborative project
13.00 – 14.00	Networking lunch and Marketplace
14.00 – 16.00	<p>Afternoon session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Partnership Working: Legal Structures and Issues, <i>Tim Smith</i> or e. Collaboration: Getting Your Voice Heard*, <i>Yvonne Rivers</i> *Please note this session is a seafront walk or f. Volunteers Coordinator's Forum: 'Training and Development for Volunteers'

Plenary - A Collaborative Sector?, 10.00-10.50am

Speakers: Rich Denyer-Bewick, Operations Director, Citizens Online & David Scurr, Project Manager, Digital Brighton & Hove

Overview: Rich and David work for the charity Citizens Online and together bring over 25 years of cross-sector collaborative work, from developing local partnerships to deliver better health and social care services, to building international networks for social enterprises and third sector leaders.

Rich is currently responsible for Citizens Online's collaboration with the One Digital partnership, working with SCVO (Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations), Age UK, Clarion Futures and Digital Unite; while David runs the Digital Brighton & Hove network, bringing together over 180 local organisations to build a more digitally confident social sector.

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Morning sessions, 11.00 – 13.00

a. The Challenges of Leading Collaboratively

Facilitator: Peter Burton, Community mentor and Consultant

Peter was head of the Leadership and Management Development Team at the newly created Brighton & Hove Unitary Council. He devised the council's Leadership and Management Standards and organised all the council's management and leadership development. As a freelance consultant Peter has worked with public, private, not for profit and community organisations across the south east, delivering training, building teams, coaching and mentoring. He has worked as a community mentor for more than 10 years and has a strong interest in helping organisations create learning environments in which everyone grows and develops, including our accredited mentoring programme.

Session overview:

"While I thought it was an alliance, they thought it was joint working and when I thought it was joint working they thought it was a merger and before I realised, it had become a takeover bid!"

This workshop provides an opportunity for participants to understand collaborative options, share their experiences around collaboration and look at some of the challenges and opportunities for leadership, without which almost all collaboration fails. It will include a look at seven different 'types' of collaboration, where leadership fits in – five key aspects and two leadership 'tools' for collaborative working.

b. Health and Social Care Network

Session overview: This session is a chance for members to share their experiences of practical ways they have collaborated on projects which have influenced health improvements for clients. We will also hear from Alistair Hill (Director of Public Health, Brighton and Hove City Council) about the new Annual Report '[The Art of Good Health](#)' and receive a briefing on the changes which have happened within the Clinical Commissioning Group and across the local NHS Alliance area.

This network has been an opportunity for members to understand changes and ensure their perspective is fed in to health and social care developments that we and our Reps are part of. If you've had success you want to share, or you want to learn from what others have achieved come and join the session.

c. Coffee and Croissant Hub Networking – Learning from a multi-organisation cross sector collaborative project

Facilitator: Kaye Duerdoth, Trust for Developing Communities

Kaye has a background in participative and asset based training, research and community development. Working collaboratively with Brighton and Hove Council and Community Works, Kaye runs the 'Coffee and Croissant' Hub Networking sessions in Moulsecoomb & Bevendean and East Brighton. She also delivers training on working with communities. Kaye's more current projects include supporting the Community Buildings Network, delivering Be Funding Bid Ready training for small groups and supporting City-wide groups such as the Sussex Syrian Community Group, No Holds Barred and ADHD Aware to build and strengthen their activities.

Session overview: The 'Coffee and Croissant' networking sessions have been running in four neighbourhood hub areas since August 2018. They were set up to offer a space to groups offering local services and activities to network and develop new working relationships. Join us to learn more about the hub sessions, about how the partners have worked together and about the many benefits experienced by participants. This is a chance to consider the benefits of face-to-face networking in the digital age and while you are with us, try out some speed networking

This collaborative piece of work has been a partnership between Community Works, the Trust for Developing Communities and Brighton and Hove City Council (Communities, Equalities & Third Sector Team), Hangleton and Knoll Project in Hangleton and Knoll and Serendipity in East Brighton.

Afternoon sessions, 14.00 – 16.00

d. Partnership Working: Legal Structures and Issues

Speaker: Tim Smith, LLP Partner, Head of Commercial and Charities at Griffith Smith LLP in Brighton

Tim Smith has specialised in legal advice to charities and other non-for-profit organisations for over 20 years. He is a solicitor at Griffith Smith LLP in Brighton. Before joining the team he worked as a charity manager for 10 years. He has also been a Trustee of Community Works.

Session overview: Interested in the legal nuances of partnership working? This session will cover the main legal aspects of partnership working (below) as well as the opportunity for Q&A on your sticky issues.

- Legal structures for joint working
- Risks and liability, managing poor performance, trust issues
- Preparation: due diligence, bid preparation, drafting contracts
- Evaluation / Impact Assessment

While this session may be more relevant to medium to large size organisations, it may help smaller organisations in planning ahead.

e. Collaboration: Getting Your voice heard

Please note this session is a seafront walk

Facilitator: Yvonne Rivers, Consultant and Facilitator

As a facilitator, trainer and supervisor Yvonne works collaboratively to support community, voluntary and public organisations to work effectively together. She ensures spaces are held so that all the voices are welcomed into meetings; with a view to ensuring that the needs and priorities of diverse communities are included. She focuses on building robust relationships so that everyone can work together to determine shared goals, develop strategies and action plans as well as work through complexity and tricky issues which are part and parcel collaborative working.

Session overview: A talking, reflecting 'walk-shop' with Yvonne Rivers. Whilst walking along the seafront this two hour workshop is an opportunity for you to consider what gets in your way and what supports you to bring your voice into any of the meetings you attend.

Come dressed for the weather. This session will be accessible for all so let us know what you need.

f. Volunteers Coordinator's Forum: Training and Development for Volunteers

Session overview: The Volunteer Coordinators' Forum offers volunteer coordinators the opportunity to network, and share information and learning about volunteer management good practice. This session will focus on 'training and development for volunteers', an important part of the volunteering offer. It can impact on who chooses to volunteer with you, how people volunteer and can impact on volunteer retention.

We will look at what we understand by development, the types of development options available, what it means to volunteers, your volunteering programme and your services. We will also look any legal parameters.