



## **Third Sector Interface (Perth & Kinross)**

### **Our mission:**

Independently working to ensure the Third Sector across Perth and Kinross are connected, have a voice and are supported through capacity building and volunteering.

### **Who we are**

We provide support and representation for voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises. Third Sector Interface (Perth & Kinross) is an independent hub of PKAVS, who have helped the Third Sector to flourish and thrive in this area for more than 50 years.

### **What is a Third Sector Interface (TSI)?**

Third Sector Interfaces (TSIs) play an important role in the third sector landscape. Every Local Authority area in Scotland has a TSI. They are a key point of intelligence about local third sector organisations and volunteering. They understand the local landscape and how it effects the third sector's ability to contribute to local outcomes and national strategies (such as health and social care, community empowerment). They are well positioned to identify support needs for local community groups, voluntary organisations, social enterprises and around volunteering. TSIs can identify third sector issues and perspectives that can feed into both local and national policy.

The TSI role provides support across all policy areas and client groups. They must understand both the local and national context. The local sector itself is very diverse with different needs and different perspectives. Whilst this is challenging it does mean that TSIs occupy a unique and important place.

TSIs must ensure that their work supports and advances the National Performance Framework, Scotland's Social Enterprise Plan 2021 -2024 and Scotland's Volunteering Action Plan 2022.

## **What does Third Sector Interface (Perth & Kinross) do?**

Our workplan is focussed on 4 key themes:



### **Voice**

Facilitate appropriate representation on key strategic groups, forums, roundtables, networks and focus groups to gather the views of the sector, ensure that the sector is kept informed and champion the contribution of the sector

### **Connect**

Lead on connecting the sector together and with relevant stakeholders by mapping the breadth of the sector across P+K and identifying opportunities for collaborative and partnership working

### **Capacity Building**

Supporting the sector with their challenges, sharing best practice, knowledge , resources and creating learning experiences to enable staff and trustees to develop and grow.

### **Volunteering**

Driving the growth and development of volunteering by supporting third sector organisations to recruit and retain volunteers and promoting the benefits of volunteering to the people of Perth + Kinross enabling communities to thrive.



## WHO ARE WE?

### Mel Hogg – TSI Chief Officer

Mel has an extensive background in public and voluntary sector service. Mel leads the TSI team and is the main point of contact with all external agencies as well as leading on our strategy of Third Sector engagement.

Mel is the manager for all of the TSI services and takes a lead on the **Voice** theme.

### Alastair and Gisele - Development Officers

Working to support third sector organisations - community groups, charities and social enterprises, with any challenges surrounding governance, policies, funding, regulation or training. They are experienced in working through the issues facing voluntary sector organisations and social enterprises and addressing their needs.

Alastair and Gisele are the leads for the **Capacity Building** theme.

### Alex and Lauren - Development Officers

Working to develop and grow volunteering across Perth + Kinross championing, motivating and inspiring people to volunteer. They support Third Sector organisations with all aspects of volunteering good practice and policies, Saltire and Volunteer Friendly awards

Alex and Lauren are the leads for the **Volunteering** theme.

### Ethel - Development Officer

Leading on our mapping project, creating a directory of the Third Sector organisations operating in Perth and Kinross and mapping third sector services across the area.

Ethel is the main contact for **Third Sector mapping** which sits within the Voice and Connect themes.

## Contact Us

We aim to respond to your queries within 24 hours.

Send us an **email** to [info@thirdsectorpk.org.uk](mailto:info@thirdsectorpk.org.uk) and we will make sure you are directed to the most appropriate member of the team.

**Drop-in** to The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth PH1 5PP. Although we often work away from the office you will always be welcome to browse through our resources at the Gateway.