

Focus, aims and potential work of Carmarthenshire 3rd Sector Environment Network

Summary from discussion at meeting 16.09.20

Current aim of this network is:

- to allow 3rd Sector organisations involved with environmental issues to share information and to collaborate to achieve common goals.
- to follow the progress made by the Healthy Habits PSB delivery Group in the implementation of the Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan.

Potential future areas of collaboration

(Target wider 3rd sector organisations/ community groups and their service users including children (schools?))

1. Raising Awareness

For each of the environmental messages raise awareness of:

- Environmental issues
- Give examples of what is being done in communities*

Promote and share information using awareness sessions, training, events, drop-in centres, 1 to 1 and group bespoke sessions, advice lines, network meetings, social media, mainstream and local media.

2. Providing support, information, guidance

For each of the environmental messages provide guidance e.g.: ‘How to’ training sessions, peer examples and mentoring, highlighting co-benefits, signposting.

	Raise Awareness of environmental issue and what is being done	Support to take action	Outcomes
A	Climate Change threat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need to change behaviour • co-benefits of changing behaviour 	Provide support to change behaviour to become more sustainable – e.g. reduce carbon footprint	Action taken against Climate Change – e.g. reduced Carbon emissions by communities*
B	Climate Change effects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the need to prepare 	Provide guidance/training to prepare – e.g. learn how to grow food locally, feed communities	Communities are more ready to cope with the effects of Climate Change*
C	Safeguard the Environment - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the need • the benefits 	Provide guidance, opportunities to safeguard the environment, maintain green spaces, protect biodiversity etc.	Our environment local/global is cared for and thriving (less endangered, cleaner etc.) *
D	Health and well-being benefits of being outdoors in nature	Signpost, provide opportunities to join outdoor sessions/ spend time in nature.	Improved health and well-being of communities /individuals

* additional outcome for A, B and C is also ‘Improved health and well-being of communities /individuals’ through raised awareness of good examples happening.

Mapping: Organisations and community groups in Carmarthenshire already working on target areas

Environmental message		Examples already happening?	Community Groups/ Organisations?
A	Climate Change threat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need to change behaviour • co-benefits of changing behaviour 	Providing Energy advice Building efficiency Tree planting projects Community Transport Transport reduction EV Dietary advice	
B	Climate Change effects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the need to prepare 	Food waste reduction Growing food locally to supply local community	
C	Safeguard the Environment - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the need to safeguard the environment • the benefits of safeguarding the environment 	Tackling non-native invasive species Protecting biodiversity Litter picking, river cleaning Recycling /waste reduction/ Zero waste shops	
D	Health and well-being benefits of being outdoors in nature	Outdoor activity sessions Nature awareness sessions	

Questions / Feedback (Please send to clare.pilborough@cavs.org.uk)

- Working group?
Do we need a working group with committed membership and/or separate meetings so that we have time to work on what we need to achieve as well as our traditional meeting agenda which has been networking and signposting and sharing information within the group.
- Is the table above a useful summary of our potential work?
 - How can it be improved – changed or added to?
 - Is it possible for us to cover all these areas – which areas are our priorities to target?
- Mapping existing work - can you provide more examples of
 - work already happening in Carmarthenshire
 - who is doing this work?
- What is your vision of what Carmarthenshire could be?
e.g. schools, community centres using land to grow food, improved public and community transport, no fly tipping etc.