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Training and Development for the sector

Catalyst delivered a comprehensive programme of training and development for the sector, including:

- The first level 5 'Leadership in the VCSE Course'.
(13 participants have taken part)
- A comprehensive training programme for 2019/20 including:
 - Trustee Training
 - Equality and diversity
 - Safeguarding
 - Health and Safety
 - Marketing
- Bursaries to enable organisations to access training and development opportunities
- Contributed to a winning tender for North East Safeguarding Training (Safer Culture North East).



www.stocktonvolunteers.co.uk



Catalyst continued to promote volunteering and volunteering opportunities:

- Stockton Volunteers website has been revamped following feedback from organisations and members of the public
- Held a successful Volunteers Week which included:
 - Volunteers Market
 - Tweetathon – which increased our social media presence
 - Catalyst Achievement Awards
- Recruited volunteers to support Catalyst with admin and reception duties.

Support to VCSE organisations

Catalyst provided extensive support to VCSE organisation in Stockton

- 29 Grantfinder appointment and provided guidance to others on their funding bids
- Provided one to one support and guidance to individuals wanting to establish a new organisation
- Provided one to one support and guidance on all areas of running an organisation.



Representing the sector

Catalyst represented the sector in discussions with public sector bodies and others:

- Forums and Task and Finish Groups have provided opportunities for discussion on areas of interest and encouraged partnership working. Established new Forums and re-invigorated others. Including:
 - GreenSpaces
 - Stockton Volunteering Partnership
 - Stockton Borough Asylum Seeker and Refugee Forum
 - Disability Forum
 - Held a Homelessness Forum
- Set up Chairs Meeting with Beccy Brown of Stockton Borough Council to establish a feedback mechanism between the local authority and the VCSE via the Forums.



Support for health and migration



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- Community Health Ambassadors project extended for a further year
- Living with and Beyond Cancer Project came to an end in March 2020
- Established the Migration Project and appointed a Migration Coordinator.

Future plans

This Year and in the coming years we will:

- Be an enabler, not a service provider
- Support the sector with training, advice and guidance
- Work across the VCSE to develop intelligence and dialogue to enable us to represent the sector effectively
- Develop projects to address identified needs – in partnership
- Extend our services through consultancy
- Develop a revised, inclusive volunteering strategy
- Spread our funding-base
- Bring money into Stockton-on-Tees.



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