

Role and Responsibilities of Voluntary Sector Representatives on Planning groups and Partnership Boards.

We are seeking people with the following skills, knowledge, and abilities to represent the voluntary sector on multi agency partnerships.

To take on this role you would need to:

- be an employee or volunteer within a voluntary/community organisation that is based or undertakes work in Merthyr Tydfil
- ability to focus on needs and issues over and beyond your interest or agency/service area
- be informed about the needs of the children/ young people/adults who access services and activities with which the partnership is involved
- be committed to the concept of multi agency working
- be able to think strategically i.e. to see the wider picture of how services and activities can best be delivered so that they are effective
- have experience of multi-agency/partnership working
- be an effective communicator
- be committed to equal opportunities and tackling disadvantage

As the sector representative you will:

- recognise that you represent the sector as a whole
- attend meetings that enable you to link into the wider voluntary sector, and feedback the views of the sector to the partnership
- support good communication between the partnership and the sector
- develop joint working initiatives both within the sector and with wider agencies to support the delivery of the work of the partnership
- help to ensure that the children, young people and adults with whom we work are involved in a participative process around the decisions that affect their lives
- work cooperatively with other voluntary sector representatives

As a member of the partnership you will:

- contribute your time and enthusiasm to making the work of the partnership a success
- be able to act as a voice for the voluntary sector within the partnership
- be able to work towards building strong working relationships within the partnership
- be able to positively challenge views and ideas within the partnership
- uphold equal opportunities
- support the policies, principles and procedures developed by the partnership