



The Highland Third Sector Representation Pathway

COMMITTEES/GROUPS/PARTNERSHIPS OPEN FOR NOMINATION FOR THIRD SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES:

The following Committees/Groups/Partnerships are open for Third Sector Representatives nomination then selection on the 9 October at the Highland Third Sector Assembly.

To nominate for one or more of the opportunities below please email enquiry@highlandtsi.org.uk with the following information clearly listed:

- Name of the individual nominated:
- Link/connection to the Third Sector in Highland: i.e. paid or voluntary role(s)
- A short statement about you and your work history (Maximum 150 words)
- Your election pitch for why you think you would make a good representative (max 300 words)

Nominations and the information provided will be circulated to the HTSI membership prior to the Assembly for democratic selection on the 9th of October 2024 at the Highland Third Sector Assembly.

Please note that nominations must be returned to the HTSI no later than 5pm on the 26 of September 2024.

Community Learning and Development Operational Group

Purpose of the group

The CPP has established a number of thematic groups to oversee the delivery of the HOIP Outcomes. Working closely with the Community Learning and Development Strategic Group, the Community Learning and Development Operational Group (CLD Ops Group) has the responsibility for overseeing the delivery, and review and reporting on the [Highland Community Learning & Development Plan](#) and the Community Engagement and Participation outcome of the HOIP.

Chair: Helena Macleod, Highlife Highland

Skills or Knowledge from within the Third Sector

- A knowledge of and interest in Community Learning and Development and Community Engagement.
- A knowledge of the policy framework informing and directing CLD and Community Planning in Scotland including statutory requirements.
- Experience of working with and supporting community groups.
- Good communication skills
- Ability to take part in partnerships with other CLD stakeholders.
- Creative and solution focussed attitude to change and challenge

Number of representatives: Two

Number Seats available: Two

Community Safety and Resilience Delivery Group

Purpose of the group

This group will undertake work to ensure the people of the Highlands live in stronger, safer and more resilient communities through addressing issues of concern across the community which have an adverse impact on individual or wider safety. These issues include Digital Safety and Awareness (including Child Sexual Exploitation); Community Led Action (ensuring communities have the ability and capabilities to respond on their own behalf).

Chair: Superintendent Jenny Valentine – Police Scotland

Skills or Knowledge from within the Third Sector

Would welcome individuals who have experience relevant to the overall purpose. The experience and knowledge must be current.

Number of representatives: Two

Number of seats available: Two

CPP Mental Health and Wellbeing Delivery Group

Purpose of the group

The mental health and wellbeing delivery group will develop and oversee the community planning partnership plan to improve the mental health and wellbeing of the population of Highland.

Chair: Cathy Steer, Public Health NHS Highland

Skills or Knowledge from within the Third Sector

- Inequalities
- Mental health and wellbeing (not mental illness) throughout the life course
- Co-production
- Community development
- Asset based approaches
- Strategy development
- Multi agency working

Number of representatives: Two

Number Seats available: Two

CPP Poverty Reduction Delivery Group

Purpose of the group

The Poverty Reduction delivery group will develop and oversee the action plan to deliver against the HOIP outcome on Poverty Reduction. This focus of this outcome is that: "More people in Highland live a life free from the experience of Poverty." Several key priorities were identified during the engagement to develop the HOIP. These include Living Wage and Seasonal Employment, Financial Education and Advice, Affordable Childcare and Reducing Fuel Poverty. These will provide the focus for initial activity for the HOIP.

Chair: Alison Clark, Head of Community Support, Contact and Engagement, Highland Council

Skills or Knowledge from within the Third Sector

Any third sector representative should have a good understanding of inequalities and poverty within a Highland context. The representative may have a particular interest in one of the priorities identified but this is not essential but a strong understanding of the third sector networks involved in this agenda would be helpful.

Number of representatives: Two

Number Seats available: Two

Highland Council Education and Learning Committee

Purpose of the group

The Council's strategic governance committee for education and learning. This means that it sets policy and strategy for the Council in these areas, with significant powers and decision-making responsibilities. The third sector representatives act as advisors to members of the Committee, alongside Council officers, and specifically in relation to education, health, and social care.

Chair: Councillor John Finlayson

Skills or Knowledge from within the Third Sector

They need to be able to provide informed advice, acting on behalf of the sector, on issues being considered by the committee, in relation to children's and/or adult services. Across both representatives, this should also include representation of the views of service users and carers.

Number of representatives: Two

Number Seats available: Two

Highland Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (HADP)

Purpose of HADP

HADP is a multi-agency partnership that is responsible for providing the overarching strategy and action plan for reducing drug and alcohol harm. Our purpose is to achieve improved outcomes for individuals, families and communities across Highland.

Chair: Carron McDiarmid – Independent Chair

Role

- Implement an alcohol and drugs strategy informed by local needs assessment
- Reduce inequality and harm via activity ranging from prevention through to recovery
- Establish quality services that involve service users and families in their recovery
- Develop a commissioning framework and direct funding at agreed priorities
- Monitor progress and regularly report on performance against a set of indicators

Accountability

As a non-statutory partnership, the Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership (HADP) is hosted by NHS Highland and is subject to NHS Highland's operational procedures. NHS Highland receives funding from the Scottish Government for alcohol and drug services including HADP funding which the partnership invests in a range of preventative and recovery services. The HADP reports to:

- the Scottish Government on the use of this funding;
- relevant NHS Highland committees and Board when required;
- the Highland Community Planning Partnership (CCP) Board as it provides oversight and scrutiny of the HADP activities and priorities, including statutory oversight of the HADP strategy and;
- the Highland Public Protection Chief Officer Group as it takes cognisance of the HADP activities and outcomes.

The HADP has a small core team. All partners hold their peers to account for fulfilling their respective commitments under the mutually agreed ADP Strategic Plan.

Skills or Knowledge from within the Third Sector

HADP would look for individuals who have experience relevant to the overall purpose. The experience and knowledge must be current.

Number of representatives: Two

Number Seats available: Two

Please note: Further information is to be developed and clarified, including expectations and accountability aspects.

Highland Council Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Committee

Purpose of the group

The Council's strategic governance committee for health and social care. This means that it sets policy and strategy for the Council in these areas, with significant powers and decision-making responsibilities. The third sector representatives act as advisors to members of the Committee, alongside Council officers, and specifically in relation to education, health and social care.

Chair: Councillor David Fraser

Skills or Knowledge from within the Third Sector

They need to be able to provide informed advice, acting on behalf of the sector, on issues being considered by the committee, in relation to children's and/or adult services. Across both representatives, this should also include representation of the views of service users and carers.

Number of representatives: Two

Number Seats available: Two

Integrated Children's Services Board

Purpose of the group

The ICS Board is the strategic partnership forum for children's services. It overviews both the on-going work of the integrated children's service plan and the community partnership activity as this relates to children. This group has broad membership, including lead officers from Highland Council and NHS Highland and Police Scotland. In addition, there are staff representatives from NHS Highland and Highland Council.

Chair: Ian Kyle, Health of Integrated Children's Services

Skills or Knowledge from within the Third Sector

To provide informed advice, acting on behalf of the sector, on issues being considered by the group, in relation to children's services. This should also include representation of the views of service users and carers.

Number of representatives: Two

Number Seats available: One