2 May

Meeting with Steve Brewster of Hereford and Worcester Sports Partnership to explore ways in which Worcestershire Voices can develop links with partners and add value to what they do. The discussion highlighted safeguarding and support for Trustees as a common thread across the wider sector.

7 May

Voices Board meeting. We agreed the future operating model for the Board with a focus on engagement with the sector as a whole.

13 May

Meeting of Voices Forum sub group

Attended stakeholder event as part of the Worcestershire Acute Services Review

14 May

Joined a focus group to look at the development of the Worcestershire Act Local website.

19 May

With Kate Harvey met with Frances Howie, Neil Anderson and Suzy James to look at proposals to for the development of the Volunteering Strategy for Worcestershire.

21 May

YSS Young Carers Conference – this event was planned by Young Carers and drew in a wide cross section from agencies of all sorts across Worcestershire. The particular needs of young carers was highlighted and future actions were agreed.

28 May

Meeting of the Voices Engagement and Recruitment sub group to look at the process for selecting members for partnership boards and groups.

29 May

Catch up meeting with Peter Pinfield, chair of Healthwatch.

2 June

Attended the Volunteer Celebration Event in the Council Chamber at County Hall – see presentation attached.

3 June

Attended Health Improvement Group meeting

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Volunteering Celebration Event

2 June 2014

Michael Hunter

Chairman
Worcestershire Voices

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Worcestershire Voices…

- Promotes the development of an independent and influential, collective voice for the all parts of the VCS
  - Large and small organisations and clubs;
  - Registered Charities and Community Groups;
  - Health, Young People, Sport, Arts, Faith, …
- Works with voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations of all sizes
  - to identify and focus on the key issues affecting the sector
  - to ensure that their voices are heard

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Worcestershire Voices…

- Recognises and values the diversity of the sector in Worcestershire
- Develops strong and effective links with the VCS, public and private sectors
- Raises the profile of the role and capabilities of VCS organisations in Worcestershire
- Acts as a clear route through which the public and private sectors can engage in open and constructive dialogue with the VCS
- Provides strategic leadership for the VCS
- Adds value

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Worcestershire Voices

Worcestershire Voices Website   www.worcesteshirevoices.org.uk
- Up-to-date information relating to the sector
- Opportunity to sign up to receive information

 Worcestershire Voices Forum www.worcesteshirevoices.org.uk/forum
- Sector wide engagement - large and small groups can join
- Web based so members don't need to travel to meetings
- Active participation around themes - Health, Volunteering, etc

Worcestershire Voices Board
- Engaging with Strategic Partners
- Listening to the sector as a whole

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What is Worcestershire Voices doing?

Priority: Volunteers and Volunteering
- Research into volunteering in Worcestershire
- Developing a strategy with public and private partners
- Changing patterns of public services, ageing population
- Support local communities to develop volunteering

Priority: Economy
- Working for a just and viable economy with WLEP, public and private partners - even during austere times
- Supported the WLEP in the development of the SEP, EU Social Infrastructure and Social Inclusion Funding
- Working on developing better engagement of VCS in the LEP plans

Priority: Health and Well Being
- Supporting VCS links to three CCGs and WCC DASH
- Future Lives, Early Help, Well Connected

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Future Work

- Continue to develop the website and forum
- Volunteering Strategy for Worcestershire
- Working on the Social Inclusion agenda
- Effective engagement with all parts of the VCS in Worcestershire
  - to reflect their views to key partners
  - To determine priorities for the future
- Visit the Forum www.worcestershirevoices.org.uk/forum to add your voice

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