

The Salford Third Sector Consortium (S3SC) was established because local organisations in the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector wanted to work together more effectively.

We aim to:-

Bid and secure contracts and grants to deliver services.

Provide a dynamic and diverse offer that utilises and builds on the skills, knowledge and expertise of the entire Sector but delivers at the point of need.

Provide added value through a delivery network rooted in the community with a strong focus on volunteer input, reinvestment and capacity building.

S3SC is a network of over 80 organisations that deliver within Salford across a range of service areas. The consortium has a place on a number of frameworks including Salford Personalisation Framework, Salford Public Health Framework and the Skills Funding Agency Supplier Register.

S3SC engages its members on a variety of levels. At present 15 members are actively engaged in contract delivery whilst over 20 members have been involved in recent bid and tender discussions including those linked to European Social Funding.

We currently deliver the Adult Community Learning Contract in Salford which supports individuals in the city furthest from employment or lacking formal academic qualifications.

We have also begun work on the public health contract "Tech and Tea" which over the next two years will provide digital skills for the over 55's and valuable interventions to help overcome loneliness and social isolation.



***"Thank you after leaving school I never thought I would get an opportunity to learn again, I thought I was too stupid to be able to do an IT course, I thought I would be a delivery man my whole life"
(Community Learning Participant)***

The Salford Adult Community Learning Programme continues to grow and evolve with year two on target to deliver to over 2250 learners from across the city through a range of non-accredited learning courses.

During year 2 of the community learning programme 62% of all participants achieved their key learning objectives for the course.

"Salford Third Consortium builds on the good practice, experience and strength of our members to deliver quality services that improves the lives of people in Salford. "

In only its first six months of delivery the Tech & Tea programme is already showing a positive impact on the city. Over 150 individuals have accessed training resulting in over 100 individual wellbeing plans being completed.



B is 79 years old and has dementia. She was nervous and worried that it would be very confusing for her. B complemented the tech and tea tutor for being patient and she said she had a lot of fun and she has become more confident and not frightened of computers anymore. B has shown an increase in confidence, made new friends and enjoyed the social side of the sessions including reconnecting with an old school friend.

90% of Tech & Tea participants have gained knowledge and felt that they could complete the basic digital tasks, whilst 58% of participants could complete complicated tasks such as Word Processing and manipulating text.

"This consortium is well organised and provides a key role for VCSE organisations to share expertise and resources for the benefit of Salford."

90% of members were satisfied with the service they received from the consortium.

77% were very or highly likely to recommend joining the consortium to another organisation.

Salford Third Sector Consortium has three main areas of aspiration moving forward:-

To continue to grow its membership and engage VCSE organisations committed to delivering in Salford
To look at new partnerships that either benefit its members or enables the provision of better services within Salford.

To continue to grow its service delivery particular in the areas of work, skills, health and wellbeing

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