



THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

REPORT OF MEETINGS

Education and Skills Strategic Co-ordination Group (ESSCG)

07 February 2023

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Working together to put our sector first
Dumfries and Galloway's Third Sector Interface

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1. The meeting was chaired by Professor Russel Griggs, the Chair of South of Scotland Enterprise.
2. From the last meeting I pointed out my notes showed that there was an action to address the reasons for the failed shared modern apprenticeships pilot which is not recorded in the minute. The chair invited me to meet with Grieg Robson to come up with a way forward.
3. The first substantial item on the agenda was an update on the Careers Review Implementation by Skills Development Scotland SDS.
4. There was a discussion about the terms of reference (ToR) of the ESSCG. It started with an acknowledgement that the context had changed, and the ToR should reflect that.
5. The group agreed not to include private sector representatives but to maintain close links with businesses and their umbrella organisations.
6. The group agreed that the NHS should be invited to sit on the ESSCG.
7. I gave a presentation on the TSDG Digital Exclusion research. The slides I used can be viewed [here](#). The ESSCG response was positive. I agreed to ensure that the final report and action plan for CPPB would be circulated to the ESSCG in June.
8. There was a presentation on the draft South of Scotland Enterprise Action Plan. It was being presented for consultation. I asked about the methodology; is the action plan based on the delivery plan for the RES?
9. I also pointed out that there is NO reference to the third sector in the document or social enterprises.
10. The chair agreed that words matter and there should be reference to both. I am to raise this with SoSE.