

**YOUR CHANCE TO JOIN THE CITY'S FIRST VOLUNTARY,  
COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE (VCSE)  
CONTRACTING CONSORTIUM**

## **'PETERBOROUGH PLUS'**

### **Membership Launch 24<sup>th</sup> March – The Fleet**

We are pleased to announce that we are taking applications for Full and Associate members who wish to join our consortium and bid in partnership for large and medium contracts, across Peterborough and the surrounding areas.

We are holding a Membership Launch to brief prospective members about **Peterborough Plus** and to promote the benefits of membership.

We have been working with Commissioners, local and national funders, National Council for Voluntary Organisations and the UK voluntary sector lead for Local Enterprise European Funding, to ensure that our consortium can supply high quality services through large scale contracts. We aim to deliver across a wide range of areas from poverty to arts and heritage, environment, children and young people, adult social care, community safety.....and much more.

We believe that together we can learn more, progress faster and deliver better than we can apart and therefore have a duty to collaborate for the benefit of those we serve. The result will be a thriving local community in which all, including the most disadvantaged and vulnerable, are able to achieve their full potential.

Membership application forms will only be available initially to attendees at our launch where we will share –

- Why Peterborough needs a consortium and how it works
- How your organisation can be funded to deliver contracts of all sizes
- How the consortium will bid for new contracts including the 5M Local Enterprise Funding opportunity.
- Presentations from the Working Group and from key stakeholders including the National Lottery and Peterborough City Council

We are enclosing a copy of our Membership prospectus which we recommend you read and consider before the launch. This event will be an opportunity for you and a Trustee from your board to be involved in discussions about the consortium, hear about the success of consortia around the UK and to ask questions about membership before making your decision to join.

**Peterborough Plus**, through its members, will generate the capacity to bid for large scale contracts on an open and competitive basis, building on our unique selling points of scale, community reach and the range and breadth of services on offer. We will also work with local commissioners to streamline funding and service delivery and thereby improve value for money.

Our primary goal is to enhance the competitiveness of the VCSE across Peterborough through stronger collaboration, enabling members to increase their chances of winning contracts, and advance the quality of VCSE delivery to improve outcomes for disadvantaged people in our area.

**Peterborough Plus** is a new business venture, designed to win large scale public service contracts. Membership is therefore targeted at local VCSE organisations who are already delivering contracts or that aspire to do so.

The Consortium has been developed by a working group of Directors\* until full membership enables members to elect our governance for the Consortium.

**PLEASE NOTE** - interested parties must first RSVP [faith.boys@pcvs.co.uk](mailto:faith.boys@pcvs.co.uk) to confirm a place.

Places are restricted to 2 per organisation – a senior executive and chair of the board/ a non-executive director/ a trustee.

\*Working Group Directors.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Jonathan Martin	YMCA - CEO
Carly Leonard	PECT - CEO
Emily Gray	MIND - CEO
Roy Brown	C L P - CEO
Lisa Foulkes- Arnold	Peterborough Cathedral
Kathy Wormald	Froglife - CEO
Tracy Foster	Women's Aid - CEO
David Bache	Age UK Peterborough - CEO
Leonie McCarthy	PCVS - CEO
Sandie Burns	Disability Peterborough - CEO