

## Community Planning Delegate: Candidate Information

### **Anna O'Reilly: Children 1<sup>st</sup>, Assistant Director East Region**

My role within Children 1st is as Assistant Director for East region. In this capacity I support services in the City of Edinburgh, Scottish Borders, West, East and Midlothian, offering the opportunity to hear of developments in service provision, delivery and outcomes for families, across these different local authority areas. In recognising this unique position, I aim to share information about best practice for the benefit of families – as I have done as a member of the Resilient People Partnership in East Lothian. I have been privileged to see many examples of how the Third Sector can support our communities, work well alongside statutory partners, and offer a real connection to the people that services are designed to serve. Within East Lothian, I feel that this perspective allows me to represent the families supported by third sector organisations, as well as the potential benefits that the Third Sector can provide to communities. I am passionate about the social inequalities that many families face and will use any opportunity that is available to help shape service provision and design so that it is targeted positively for those families who are in most need of this within East Lothian.

### **Pamela Mckinlay, Roots and Fruits Project, Manager**

Pamela Mckinlay, Roots and Fruits Project Manager: Having been in this role for 19 years I have a wealth of experience with health issues impacting East Lothian, working within the communities we support and with the people that we need to represent. I work in partnership with many individuals and organisations throughout East Lothian delivering and promoting the services we provide. I am sure that this experience would help me to represent the people in this role. I am fully committed to this and I could do this!

### **Joyce Cattanach, Headway East Lothian, Development Officer**

I have worked in the Third Sector in both a voluntary and professional capacity for over 20 years, in both children's and adult services. I have a good working knowledge of national organisations, the benefits system and, as Headway delivers all our services in community settings, I have a good knowledge of available services, organisations and community groups locally. I also enjoy good relationships with health and social care partners. The groups I currently work with are disadvantaged due to disability and living with long-term conditions, facing inequalities on a daily basis. We work towards reducing these, social isolation and building self-management skills.

All the work improves health and social care outcomes and I would like to assist with this on behalf of the Third Sector at Community Planning. On a personal level, I was a carer for my adult son who had profound disabilities and a life limiting condition, until he recently passed away. As such, I have a vast working knowledge of health and social care systems from a service user point of view which gives me greater empathy with a great number of groups of people.

**Jane Crawford, CAPS Independent Advocacy, Chief Executive Officer**

- I have been leading an Independent Advocacy organisation for people with mental health issues for the past 5 years. Advocacy is about making sure people's voices are heard and listened to, so I am confident and able to speak up and convey the opinions of others in a constructive way, raising a challenge when appropriate.
- I can bring an Independent presence on behalf of the third sector as my organisation only provides advocacy and this minimises any potential conflict of interest.
- Key principles of the way I work are accountability, being inclusive and making contributing as accessible as possible.
- Current strategic meeting experience includes the East Lothian Mental Health planning group, the NHS Lothian Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategic Programme Board and involvement with the Third Sector input to the IJB in Midlothian.
- I have previous long term experience of what it's like to live and work in East Lothian, having worked for 6 years in the Childcare Third Sector, (2000-06) and lived in East Lothian for 19 years. From 2007-12, I worked with decision makers in other areas of Scotland in two national third sector childcare roles.

**Kate Darrah, the Ridge, Managing Director**

I have a great deal to bring a delegate role:

- high level experience of local Third Sector/Social Enterprise (SE), both in frontline delivery and at strategic level
- Insight into partnership working with mainstream stakeholders e.g. ELC, SDS, DWP, schools
- a clear understanding of (and absolute commitment to) SE
- Determination to convey the vital role for SEs in sustainable economy - enhancing value for money, local reach and engagement.
- High profile of the Ridge locally encourages more engagement and trust in SE community, and raises potential for meaningful delegate role
- Excellent communication skills, as required to consult/gather views etc. and to relay effectively to Partnership group.

**Catherine Davenport, Capital Credit Union(CCU), Head of Member Services**

I wish to undertake the role on the Sustainable Economy Partnership as CCU is committed to helping the local community develop financially; it is crucial that we work together to help education and increase knowledge of the local community on financial services. Since the opening of our new office in Aldhammer House East Lothian we stated that CCU committing staff and resources to Prestonpans to fill gap left by mainstream banks. I look forward to working with partners across all sectors to increase opportunities for people living in East Lothian.

**Karen Fenna, Action for Children, Practice Manager East Lothian Therapeutic Service**

I am an art psychotherapist and registered with the HCPC. I have for many years worked in support of communities and children and know that early intervention is vital for families and communities to create better living environments for all. I have been carrying out audits and research to support effective interventions for communities and families. I am currently Vice Chair of the British Association of Art Therapists and lead a special interest group in education. I am on the council for allied health professionals to look after children's and Third Sector interests in the community and NHS.

**Tina Pollock, First Step, Project Manager**

I feel that I would bring a great deal of knowledge and information in relation to the local issues that prevents children having the best start in life. Due to the nature of my job and my representation on various local professional groups, I feel that I have a holistic overview of what is already in place within East Lothian for children and young people and an insight into areas for development/gaps in services. As I already sit on the Early Years Planning and Delivery group and Support from the Start, I can see a direct link between these groups and the Children's Strategic Partnership.

**Andrew Tweedy, Carers of East Lothian (COEL), Director**

I believe I have a very good understanding of the dynamism and potential of the Third Sector as well as challenges facing it. I currently manage COEL and have previously managed the Advocacy Service (Borders), Gorgie City Farm and a residential setting for people with mental health issues in the USA. I have been a Board Member for a furniture re-use charity (where I was Chair), a local CAB and the Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance as well as having had a number of paid and unpaid roles in Third Sector. I have an extensive understanding of the theory and the reality of Health and Social Care services nationally and locally. For 4.5 years I have been working in East Lothian to progress issues for users and carers with Health and Social Care (during integration) and prior to this I worked as a Welfare Rights Officer in a local social work office and was a Complaints Investigator with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman's office where I focused on the NHS. I am a constructive and effective member of groups and, while I am not afraid to express my opinion, I am happy to listen and learn. I think I bring balance, judgement and extensive experience which would enable me to be an effective delegate. I have a passion for the Sector - it brings a drive and commitment to making a real difference for the people who use our services and it is important not to lose sight of that.

**Elaine Johnson, CHANGES Community Health Project, Co-ordinator**

I have 30 years' experience of Third Sector Organisations – over half of that in a management role. I have experience of housing, homelessness, social care and now work in CHANGES community mental health project serving all East Lothian citizens. I am committed to partnership working to achieve better outcomes for all and more efficiency in our services. I have always tried to ensure the voices of those using services are given importance when planning and making decisions that affect us all.

**Dr Rob Lawson, East Lothian Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilitation Group, Director**

I should be pleased to bring to the IJB delegate role my experience both in terms of health and the Third Sector in East Lothian. I was a GP in Haddington from 1981-2011 and I am founder/convenor of a health-related East Lothian-wide charity (founded in 1991). Sustaining a healthy community is key to our individual health.

**Lesley Aitkenhead, East Lothian Community Care Forum**

I have 16 years of experience in representing and supporting service user involvement in joint health and social care planning and delivery. As a Third Sector delegate I will work hard to ensure views of all Third Sector organisations large, medium and small who work in the health and social care arena are heard. The Third Sector makes an enormous contribution to the delivery of health and social care services and so too should be its influence at the planning table. I will ensure challenges the Third Sector organisations face receive recognition and support, and promote partnership working with all sectors and stakeholders.

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