

# Third Sector Leeds Leadership Group

20 April 2026

13:00-15:00

Voluntary Action Leeds

Stringer House, 34

Lupton Stree



## Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Previous Minutes, Matters Arising and Report on Activity
- TSL Priorities for the Next Two Years and Work Plan
- TSL Event 28 April 2026
- Membership Areas of Work
- Funding Streams Misaligning and the Impact on the Third Sector
- AOB

## Attendees

### Present

- **Minoti Parikh (Chair)**
- **Anna Martin** Voluntary Action Leeds
- **Adrian Curtis** Groundwork
- **Maggie Dawkins** LGBT Forum
- **Tony Macaluso** Chapel FM
- **Julia Preston** Gipsil
- **Steve Hoey** Turning Lives Around
- **Dave Paterson** Unity in Poverty Action
- **Claire Nixon** Forum Central

### In attendance

- **Paula Chatterjee** Voluntary Action Leeds
- **Carl Robertshaw** TSL Support (Minutes) - Voluntary Action Leeds

### Apologies

- **Lucy Wheeler** TCV
- **Helen Hart** Barca
- **Pip Goff** Forum Central
- **Rifhat Malik** Give A Gift
- **Jo Volpe** Leeds Older People's Forum

### **Previous Notes, Matters Arising and Report on TSL Activity**

The minutes from the previous TSSLG meeting on 9 February were agreed.

The following was noted from the action log:

- Tony Macaluso will record a TSL radio show at Stringer House immediately after the TSL Conference on 28 April.
- Case studies on social value work from 2023 have been shared but more recent studies may be required before progressing. Paula Chatterjee will take this action forward.

### ***West Yorkshire Combined Authority VCSE Advisory Board:***

- Now being established with locality based and theme based members. There will be five representatives from each of the five regions within West Yorkshire on the board, in addition to Chief Executive Officers from VCSE infrastructure organisations and representation from the authority and 3 representatives around themed knowledge. The purpose of the board is to steer the direction of travel with regard to WYCA's work with the sector.
- Recruitment is in its final stages with 1 place-based space still to be filled. An induction will take place in the coming week. Anna Martin will be a link between this board and TSSLG, and will give an update to attendees at the TSL Conference on 28 April.

### ***UK Social Prosperity Fund:***

- It would be good to maintain links made during the roll out the fund although it was noted that there have been subsequent personnel changes within Leeds City Council.

### ***Leeds City Council Cross Council Prevention and Demand Management Programme:***

- Leeds City Council are currently procuring a strategic partner to lead on the implementation of a cross-council prevention and demand management programme focussing on children's and adults social care and housing, specifically emergency/temporary accommodation. The potential impact on the sector was noted and a report produced by the council will be shared.

### **TSL Priorities for the Next Two Years and Work Plan**

TSSLG discussed priorities for the coming two years at TSSLG on 9 February and the wider membership has now been consulted, with the following four priorities selected:

- Partnerships
- Inward Investment
- Workforce Sustainability
- Commissioning

A workplan will be established for each priority with actions assigned to individual members of TSSLG. This document will give a clear view of progress made toward the individual priorities.

A breakout discussion took place on two of the priorities, commissioning and inward investment, with the remaining two to be discussed at the next TSSLG meeting. Attendees were asked to consider the following questions in relation to each priority:

- **What does this priority mean for TSL specifically, and where can we add most value?**
- **What is already happening within this area that we can build on or connect better?**
- **What would meaningful success look like over the next 12 to 24 months?**

Attendees at the forthcoming TSL conference will be asked to provide further guidance on how TSL should progress with the selected priorities.

## **TSL Annual Conference**

- This event will take place on Tuesday 28 April from 9:30-11:30 at Stringer House. An agenda was shared and agreed at this meeting. At the time of writing there are 68 people registered to attend.

## **TSSLG Membership Areas of Work**

- There are currently several vacancies within TSSLG and attendees at the TSL conference will be asked to consider expressing an interest to join where relevant. There is currently an agreed limit of 21 members of the group.
- It was noted that locality based TSSLG reps may make less sense since the establishment of Leeds Community Anchor Network.

## **TSSLG Membership Areas of Work**

- A discussion took place on how TSSLG could create a positive dialogue with funders when it becomes apparent a significant decision is being made that will adversely impact the sector.
- It was noted that equality impact assessments have a role to play when considering any decision.

The UK Government's Bridge of Peace Fund will be rolled out in the near future

## Next TSLLG Meeting and Upcoming Activity

- The next TSLLG meeting will take place on 15 June from 13:00-15:00, location tbc.
- The TSL Annual Conference Event will be held on Tuesday 28 April at Stringer House.