

SSP Conference 22nd November 2011 Delegate Feedback

We encouraged delegates to complete feedback postcards on the day around 3 questions and the following information is a selection of feedback received.

The best thing I learnt today was.....

- There are so many opportunities out there
- The number of volunteers in Swindon is amazing!
- Volunteering is alive and kicking in many areas
- National Trust Volunteering Survey results were really interesting
- Hearing more about the Nationwide Employee Scheme
- How many people volunteer; the level of volunteering already going on and the extent of good voluntary work in Swindon
- Inspiration brings change!
- Involvement of Young People in the table discussions was eye opening
- There are a lot of people trying to help, just need support
- Vibrancy of the voluntary and statutory sector in Swindon
- Cath Compton is inspirational
- The amount of voluntary organisations in Swindon and how they can share ideas
- The opportunity to network with colleagues
- The different types of motivation of volunteers
- How many organisations are actively engaging volunteers. Made some fantastic contacts
- The contribution made by volunteers
- Change is in the air
- Connections and learning from people with different perspective, ideas and problems
- There is a will to make involvement work
- There's a real desire to involve local people in solving their problems
- Views on alcohol from young people – we need to revise our prevention method
- The possibilities of volunteering and the younger generations combining
- Networking with other agencies
- The potential for volunteering expansion and ideas to achieve it
- Recognising there are lots of people who generally like to help the community
- We have some inspirational young people in Swindon
- The insights into volunteering, particularly from Daniel Rose and Diana Finch
- About One Swindon and what it is
- The real financial costs involved in supporting volunteers
- The Changing face of SBC and its understanding of the voluntary sector
- Importance of self-promotion

I am most excited by.....

- New partnerships for my organisations and new opportunities for the people I support
- Positive attitude by voluntary organisations
- 'The Council's willingness to change? " hopefully for the better, not just for the cheaper
- Opportunities for vulnerable to develop independence
- Family volunteering
- Inner Flame
- The enthusiasm for delivering results
- 'Involve Swindon' helping identify potential volunteers
- The chance to be involved and make a difference
- Seeing what the contacts I make lead to
- The great people in Swindon
- Establishing a programme of volunteers for young people to deliver the 'stay safe' message to other young people
- Idea of 'One Swindon' but will it be? We need action not words
- The positivity around working together to improve people's lives in Swindon
- Council Officers coming out into the community and being more visible
- The opportunities employers are giving to their employees to volunteer in the local community
- Volunteering being highlighted
- The new opportunities that the new 'One Swindon' initiatives poses
- Partnership working opportunities and willingness of council to engage
- Potential for tapping into wide/diverse community resources
- The use of voluntary sector to deliver services
- The prospect of joint working to work more effectively
- The potential in the room, if harnessed
- The research done by the National Trust
- The part sport can play in helping SSP to achieve its desired outcomes
- Developing a new and better relationship with the VCS
- The tremendous amount of activity by voluntary and community organisations
- All I have heard
- Developing volunteering as a solution
- The opportunities that there are for volunteers
- The networking opportunity and lunch
- Potential of locality leads
- Meeting others and hearing their views and experiences
- Possibilities for volunteering projects with other VSO's
- Seeing some young people delivering opportunities for volunteering

In 6 months time I will be disappointed if we haven't.....

- Heard about a plan to move forward with some of the suggestions today
- Engaged more young people into the sector
- Incorporated better equality and access into our planning processes and implementation of the new way of working
- Created a volunteering opportunities page on our website
- Expanded on the contacts made today
- Made positive progress and got more people involved and provided further opportunity
- Engaged the whole Community to offer opportunities for young people
- Acted on ideas and points brought up in group discussions to bring locals together into Community Groups
- Got a clear way forward of how the discussions will be implemented in practice
- Continued to have a focus on volunteering and its benefits in Swindon
- Identified more volunteering opportunities for families to do together
- Engaged with gay people in the community in a listening and understanding way. (without putting their own prejudices/or ideas on things)
- Less litter on the street
- Moved forward significantly on locality working
- Been able to move projects forward, working with more local partners i.e. progress around One Swindon objectives
- Continued to invite and engage more 'key players'
- Involved SBC with volunteers more widely
- Demonstrated the SBC Chief Exec's vision through lower tiers of the organisation
- The Community & Voluntary Sector as a full partner
- a) got more people involved in their communities and with volunteering; b) made a start with parishing the whole of Swindon
- Developed a co-ordinated approach to work with Young People and alcohol issues
- Improved publicity about volunteering options. Better publicity in wider sphere
- Moved on with facilities for young people. Closing of projects like we have had in the past, e.g Stepping Forward.
- Evidence that local groups are leading the community growth
- Made young people aware of the opportunities from volunteering
- Become clearer about how the Council will work in partnership with the Voluntary and Community Sector to change the way services are designed and delivered
- Shifted significantly the balance of volunteering in the organisation
- Seen some real Government investment (funding) to help us recruit, train and reward our volunteer work force