Positive Impact Partners (PIP)

Current Opportunities to Work in Collaboration with the Third Sector in Leeds

PIP connects University colleagues with a wide range of Third Sector partners to create new collaborative partnerships, designed to give mutual benefits. A number of Third Sector partners are registered with the programme that are seeking University staff partners to work collaboratively on a range of curriculum, research and business development projects.

Mill Hill Chapel
The registered charity, are involved with a wide range of social justice projects. Including: a refugees and asylum seekers conversation club, street kitchens, and campaigns tackling poverty and marginalisation. Mill Hill have a theology library and with the support and guidance of a University partner they are hoping to restore antique volumes, and deliver events and talks about the collection linking to a wide range of faith and non-faith communities. In addition, they are looking for a University partner to guide them on governance, administration and marketing their activities.

Growing Better CIC
Growing Better is a social enterprise dedicated to better mental health through growing edible produce. Their urban farm, based in the disadvantaged West Leeds district of Armley, provides a supportive environment for people coping with mental health challenges. The organisation support their mission through the production and sale of edible products. Growing Better CIC are seeking a University partner to provide their expertise and support with the development of new value adding streams. This may include the development of new nutritional drinks and powders or circular economy approaches to utilise waste produce as additional value stream.

Community Links- Accommodation Gateway Project
Community Links delivers the Accommodation Gateway in partnership with LYPFT, Leeds City Council Housing Services and Accommodation & Floating Support Providers across the city. They work with individuals being discharged from acute mental health services, or those who are being cared for in the Community, to ensure they are moved to accommodation which best meets their needs. Community Links would like the opportunity to collaborate with a University partner who can assist them in their goal of developing an impact measurement that reflects a more meaningful picture of their service delivery. This includes the impact that the service has on both individual service users and their partners, as well as being better able to define the long & short term benefits of what they do.

Feel Good Factor Leeds
Feel Good Factor (FGF) have been supporting people for over 10 years to improve their health and wellbeing. Based in the Chapeltown area of Leeds, this registered charity works with communities across Leeds to provide
activities, projects and services to improve access to health opportunities for some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged. The charity have identified several collaborative partnership opportunities for University staff to be involved with. This includes offering guidance on: how they can better measure and evaluate the social return of their activities and evidence the value created, or how their business processes, to become more effective and strengthen the opportunity for income generation. They also have a vacancy for a treasurer to sit on their Board of Trustees.

Next Steps

Any University staff that are interested in these opportunities can find out more about the PIP programme or register to be involved through our webpages. Alternatively get in touch with Amanda Jackson. At a.m.jackson@leeds.ac.uk or