

Community Panel Meeting

16th October 2024 6.00 to 8.00 pm
Innovation Hub, Dix's Field, Exeter

Agenda

1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members were asked following the last meeting if they would like to continue on the panel - All but one were happy to stay. JK has decided to step down due to lack of capacity <p>Apologies: MS and PB</p>
2	<p>Minutes and actions from the previous meeting</p> <p>Minutes were circulated ahead of this meeting</p> <p>Lindsey to connect FoHV with the Creative Arc Actioned</p> <p>All to add any additional ideas to the FoHV list of activities Actioned</p> <p>Panel Members to consider what sort of strategy or decision making they might like to get more involved in - to revisit at this meeting On-going</p>
3	<p>Update on CUA Delivery Progress</p> <p>No update report was shared ahead of the meeting as the CUA Board meeting has been postponed until December. Instead, a verbal update was provided on some of the headlines:</p> <p>Mission 1: Support the Sustainable and Inclusive Growth of the City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interventions in the hub have continued through summer and work has now begun to capture longer-term impact of business support programmes. - Ongoing funding is being considered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o An AHRC Creative Clusters bid is being prepared for early 2025. This will include a business support programme for businesses in the creative industries delivered from the Hub. - UoE Degree Apprenticeships team and Help to Grow Teams have regular presence at the Hub to promote the offer to local businesses. - UoE knowledge transfer teams have regular presence at the hub – promoted via social channels/newsletter - to increase awareness and visibility of skills development programmes <p>Mission 2: Innovate towards a sustainable low-carbon economy for the City of Exeter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new Net Zero Programme Manager is now in post and leading the City's decarbonisation mission. - A new Exeter CUA Sustainability Advisory Group has been convened, which comprises all of the sustainability leads for the CUA partners plus the new programme manager, as well as representation from DCC. This group will meet quarterly and steer this mission - The most tangible difference is likely to be around Transport – for example, all partners will share data on travel to work looking for gaps and opportunities - The Parliamentarians' Guide to Climate Change is being launched at the Houses of Parliament this evening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o https://greenfutures.exeter.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/2024EI075-Guide-to-climate-change-AW-V2.pdf <p>Mission 3: Build a City of Aspiration and Opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The South West Institute of Technology (SWioT) has been relicensed for another 10 years. We are currently updating the Data Skills Escalator and conducting a new Green Skills Escalator - these will help map and identify skills needs and provision in the region. - The Devon Education Alliance has identified 2 priorities which are being taken forward by 2 working groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o SEMH support for educators o Coaching and Tutoring pilots to raise attainment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are planning to deliver a series of youth-centred summits with Ted Wragg Trust next year to bring together young people, educators, service delivery organisations, alternative providers, voluntary organisations, and academics. This will be an opportunity for the YP to tell us what their priorities are <p>Mission 4: Support an ambitious Culture and Tourism offer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £103k funding bid to National Lottery Heritage Fund was successful. This will expand the Heritage Volunteers (now called Exeter Heritage Champions), and to develop the Exeter Heritage Partnership into a formal entity. Co-Lab are also a partner on this programme, so we can deliver a specific strand of activity around pre-employability skills to help people back on their path into work. - The final round of Creative Arc projects have been commissioned – these are 6 varied projects, ranging from hyperlocal to more broad - Two consultants have been commissioned to carry out a feasibility study for developing the Literary Industries here in Exeter - The University has been invited to be part of a consortium bid led by Leicester University to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, looking at protecting and enhancing the heritage of university owned green spaces while increasing access for local communities. <p>-</p> <p>Mission 5: Enhance the Health and Wellbeing of our citizens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The University and RDUH were recently successful in their £6.8M bid for a UK Hub for One Health Systems: Creating Sustainable Health and Social Care Pathways. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o a UK-wide hub facilitating the transition to an environmentally sustainable healthcare system by bringing together healthcare leaders, industry partners, and academics to address the challenge of decarbonising health and social care pathways - We are continuing to support the work of the One Eastern Devon Partnership e.g. A student intern has been supporting the development of their comms strategy; an academic has joined their Health Inequalities strategy task and finish group - We are working closely with the Devon VCSE Alliance and will be delivering some training on participatory research methods to their Research Community of Practice in the new year <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel members again noted their keenness for our climate scientists to present their research to the Community, either in person or in a webinar - The importance for prioritising tangible outcomes was stressed <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Engagement Manager to reach out to Climate Scientists to ask them to deliver research findings at a community event - Share information relating to risk and the use of helmets and cycling
4	<p>Engaging Students</p> <p>The Head of Student Engagement, Student Guild gave an update on Guild activities. The Guild is an independent charity which supports students by promoting welfare and providing social cultural opportunities through:</p> <p>Partnership approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Initiatives delivering events with partners such as Saddles and Paddles and Clip n Climb, - Working with organisations on welcome activities e.g. city tours and coffee crawls, providing opportunities for students to learn about local companies - Cultural and music festivals e.g. Exe Fest and providing recording opportunities to students and the public in the Phoenix sound gallery - Working with organisations such as Devon Air Ambulance to provide e.g. CPR training and St John’s ambulance working with the First Aid Society - Wrist band deals, where students can access discounts with independent businesses - Exeter Student Volunteers – a Student Society which runs about 16 different projects offering volunteering opportunities e.g. food action, and school partnerships - Members of the public can join societies – for example, the choral society. There is a small Associate Membership fee to cover costs in addition to the subscription fee - Support more local businesses to our students

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Guild is happy to facilitate volunteering opportunities and conversations with individuals or organisations and can promote volunteering opportunities via the Handshake platform <p>Improving Diversity in Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Guild are doing a lot of work around understanding the student body and its diversity, to help tailor opportunities for them - They are also trying to understand what students want around skills development and mutual benefit - while most students are values-driven, they are having to make options between work and volunteering - They are trying to improve voice and representation by helping students lobby council and politicians collaboratively and removing barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o For example, paying students to attend advisory boards e.g. EDI has led to a huge increase in the diversity of applicants - They are also trying to improve cohesion, helping students to understand each other, increasing cultural competencies and helping integration and belong <p>Skills Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee members are given training for their roles on e.g. how to do budgeting - Societies get a newsletter – and have access to the training, but they don't always take it up - Safeguarding – ESV – a lot of the opportunities are linked to partners and the safeguarding will be delivered by the partner <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could we galvanise students to work with community around a specific, identified need? A group of 50 people could make a significant difference - Can we reduce the cost barrier to local organisations attending the Welcome Fayre? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Welcome Fayre is run in partnership with the university through Event Exeter which means that all external organisations including student businesses have to pay o Could we consider a new model where e.g. 4 or 5 charities share a spot; and/or a lottery for smaller charities? <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Head of Student Engagement to share the link for the volunteering form and to raise awareness of volunteering opportunities - Head of Student Engagement / Regional Engagement Manager to look at options for making the Welcome Fayre more accessible to charities and community organisations - Regional Engagement Manager to share the link to the Community Partnership Hub https://www.exeter.ac.uk/about/regionalengagement/communitypartnershiphub/ - Panel to identify a problem / need and consider how we can bring students and community together to deliver solutions
5	<p>Update on Friends of Hoopern Valley Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SF has continued to progress the FoHVA over the summer with the support of the Estates and Sustainability Teams. - A call out over the Spring attracted 13 students keen to sit on the board - Website and mailing list are live: https://www.hoopernvalley.org/ / info@hoopernvalley.org - FoHV attended Welcome Week to engage with students - Bank account is imminent - Safeguarding policy and trainings are being finalised - Memorandum of Understanding is being finalized - AGM: 20th Nov, 7:30 – 9pm, Exeter Phoenix - First event (litter pick) mid January - Members will be able to suggest and run other events – many of these would be low-cost events such as weed picking which would be covered from membership fees, while some would require grant funding e.g. theatre shows. <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theatre Alibi deliver theatre across Devon and would be a great partner

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Guild would be happy to help reach out to students in the future – it could be an opportunity for the Give it a Go programme - The Guild might be able to help with safeguarding training for students and will be happy to host or facilitate a conversation around events and collaboration - The panel suggested opportunities for an urban biodiversity/ rewilding project – get citizens to rewild in their own homes across the city
6	<p>Update from Panel on other ideas and initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Podcast Series - Community COP event <p>To be picked up at next meeting</p>
7	<p>Applications / ideas for the Community Fund The following Expressions of Interest were discussed briefly:</p> <p>Exeter Seed Bank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exeter Seed Bank organise events aimed at promoting seed-saving, gardening and growing and collaborate with local community gardens and ‘greening’ projects throughout the city. - They would like to offer a more focused series of sessions for student integration and general awareness of local projects and opportunities and are seeking funding to cover room hire, volunteer expenses, and hospitality (tea and biscuits) for our events. <p>Intergenerational Care Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This project is relating to intergenerational care and aims to foster meaningful interactions between local nursing/residential home residents and nursery-aged children, enhancing wellbeing and community cohesion. - The project will facilitate weekly one-hour sessions where student nurses, local nursery children, and residential/nursing home residents participate in enriching, age-appropriate activities. - The goal is to improve the social and emotional wellbeing of both groups, while simultaneously providing valuable clinical practice and leadership experience for Exeter University student nurses. <p>Exeter Christian Union Christmas carol concert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seeking funding to advertise the annual ECU Christmas carol concert at St James Park to the wider community - The panel agreed in principle, to fund these initiatives but would require additional information <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The panel are keen to give guidance for Community Fund awardees on how to procure sustainably E.g. encouraging to purchase printed good from a local sustainable business <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Liaison Manager to request further information regarding 3 EOIs - Community Liaison Manager / Regional Engagement Manager to create guidance for awardees
8	<p>Gift it Reuse it scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The new GiRi scheme was trialled over the summer and was a huge success - The scheme recycled over 8500 items from students leaving UoE accommodation to newly arriving students - Almost 1.5 tonnes was diverted from landfill, including pots, pans and small electric items - The team are now trying to identify a permanent space which will enable them to extend the scheme off campus
9	<p>Community Panel engagement with University strategy and decision making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be picked up next meeting
10	AOB - none