

# Community Cohesion Scrutiny Working Group

20<sup>th</sup> June 2018



## Introduction

- Initial presentation to Scrutiny Working Group on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- Request to attend meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to provide an update to specific questions raised by Members
- Opportunity to discuss progress and outcomes



## **Western Bay Regional Community Cohesion Co-ordinator Role**

- WG funds 8 Regional Community Cohesion Co-ordinators across Wales to take forward mainstreaming community cohesion work across the region.
- Community Cohesion Co-ordinator will continue to play an important strategic role to drive partnership working and implement delivery of national objectives at the local level.



## **‘Enabling of different groups of people to get on well together and developing respect in the differences in our society’**

*Examples of projects delivering on the statement above:*

- ‘Our Abertawe’ – Celebrating Swansea Together
- Local employability programmes
- Disability Liaison Group
- Swansea LGBT Forum
- Regional BAME Forum
- Student and resident initiatives
- EID in the Park



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- Intercultural Cities Network
- Hate Crime awareness week and online training
- Anti-Slavery/Human Trafficking awareness
- Mosque Open Day
- School initiatives
- Syrian Resettlement Programme, Refugees and Asylum Seeker support



**Barriers to improving Community Cohesion**

*How are we addressing them and outcomes?*

- Welsh Language Promotion
- Loss of Communities First Programme
- Promotion and awareness raising
- Swansea City of Sanctuary
- Corporate training via e-learning programmes
- Swansea Pride
- Mistrust of Police and the Establishment



## Monitoring of success

### Evidence of progress and outcomes

- Equality Impact Assessments
- Annual Review of the Strategic Equality Plan
- Monitoring of learning and employment outcomes
- Disability Liaison Group
- Evaluation of Staff training
- Monitoring Hate Crime Incidents



## Partnership working in Practice

### Examples and areas for improvement

- Professional partners tend to work well together. There needs to be improvement with third sector organisations working together when they have the same aim and objectives/outcomes
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Providers Group
- More initiatives need to try to be inclusive of a cross section of the community rather than just BAME/asylum seeker and refugee for example as this will continue to segregate



## National Objectives

### Local examples in Swansea

- Community Safety themed radio campaigns
- Hate Crime/Anti-Slavery/LGBT awareness week
- Awareness sessions tackling Right Wing Extremism and Islamophobia
- Gypsy Roma Traveller and Human Trafficking awareness events and training
- Workshop Raising Awareness on PREVENT



## Engagement with Ward Councillors

### What does current support and involvement look like?

- Local employability programmes involvement
- Employability Ward Member Briefings (CfW/CfW+)
- PACT meetings
- Cabinet Member 1.2.1 briefings



## **'Key achievements in mainstreaming Community Cohesion'**

### *Examples that are directly benefiting local residents/communities*

- Joint Local Authority and SWP on Sex Workers
- Street Vulnerability MARAC
- Students and Residents joint initiative in Brynmill
- Increased awareness on Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Syrian Resettlement Programme has employment strand that sits in Workways



Thank You

Any Questions

