



## PORTOBELLO & CRAIGMILLAR VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUBGROUP

Briefing Note to Portobello & Craigmillar Neighbourhood Partnership

12Sep12

The Portobello/Craigmillar Voluntary Sector Subgroup met on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> August in Craigmillar. The meeting was chaired by Susan Carr - Local Voluntary Sector Representative - and there were twelve people present from a range of local voluntary organisations.

The Subgroup agenda included a discussion about the Total Neighbourhood programme, as well as upcoming Scottish legislation, and Issues of current relevance to members.

### Feedback to the Neighbourhood Partnership

- All those on the mailing list having been asked whether they would like the Voluntary Sector Subgroup to meet during office hours, in the evening, or a mixture of both - all those who responded expressed a preference for daytime meetings. It was agreed, therefore, to continue to meet on Mondays from 10.00 to 11.30am
- The group recognised a continuing need to reach out to and engage with Third Sector organisations active in the Portobello area. The group also agreed that it would be useful to work more closely with organisations active in the Craigmillar/Duddingston neighbourhood.
- The subgroup still wished the Partnership to consider the best way to explore how it might make the best use of the tool VOiCE (Visioning Opportunities in Community Engagement - developed by the Scottish Community Development Centre. This was intended to help support and develop community outreach and engagement activity.  
[\[http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/voice/\]](http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/voice/)
- Date of Next Meeting:  
A Monday in November 2012 (tba) at a Portobello venue