



KCSC CONFERENCE AND AGM

STAYING STRONG

Wednesday 14 November 2012

09:45 – 2.30pm

London Lighthouse, 111-117 Lancaster Road, W11 1QT

Background

Being strong is something the voluntary and community sector (VCS) knows all about, but how is it possible to stay strong at a time of public sector cuts and increasing economic pressure?

The VCS has always come from a point of strength, delivering much needed services with very little resources and surviving on time limited funding. However, the current climate has led to a greater demand for the sector to prove its worth - should this be the case when it is our values which define us? Is staying true to our values enough to see us through these challenging times?

We will explore these issues and many more at our conference and hear from speakers who will share with us their views on how the sector can stay true to its values during these challenging times. Workshops will also explore some of the ways in which voluntary and community organisations can maintain their strength.

Come and join us for an insightful event and join in the debate on how we stay strong

The aim of the conference

To assess how in the current social and economic climate the VCS can stay strong

What you will gain from attending

- A better understanding of how the values of the sector are an essential part of staying strong
- Being more aware of what staying strong means in this current climate
- Improved knowledge and understanding in areas which can help the VCS build resilience

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| 09:15 – 09.45am | Welcome Breakfast |
| 09:45am | Welcome and introduction Mary Gardiner, Chief Executive, KCSC |
| 10:00am | Staying Strong – key note speech Rob Abercrombie; Director of Research & Consulting, New Philanthropy Capital and Mary Gardiner |
| 10:20am | Panel Debate – chaired by Mary Gardiner Jamie Renton (ADKC) Abdullahi Ali (Baraka Youth) Rob Abercrombie (NPC), Kate Sayer (Sayer Vincent) Julia Slay (New Economics Foundation) |
| 11:00am | A year with KCSC A round up of KCSC's year for 2011/12 |
| 11:15am | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING |
| 11.45am | Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sayer Vincent – Mergers made simple• NEF – Big Society and the new austerity – findings and insights• NPC – Measuring Impact• KCSC – Tendering and Commissioning – a need to know for small groups |
| 12.45pm | Plenary What we learnt, what we will do as a result (feedback from workshops) |
| 1.15pm | Lunch |
| 2.00pm | The future of the Voluntary Sector within tri-borough Derek Myers, Chief Executive RBKC and LBHF |
| 2.45pm | Summary and Actions |
| 3.00pm | Close |