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Volunteer Sector Peer Support Group Breakfast Event

The Service through Partnership (StP) Big Lottery funded initiative is hosting its second peer support group meeting on Thursday 19th June from 9:15am – 10:30am at the Chubb Building, Fryer Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1HT.

This will be a great opportunity for Chief Officers, managers and project worker, working within the voluntary and social business sector across the Black Country and Telford to put organisational politics aside and get together.

This is a free event and a light breakfast is included. Participants will find a confidential and relaxed environment to offer support to each other, as individuals who may face common adversities at work and who sometimes need a safe space to talk to those who may be experiencing similar difficulties. Those who attended the first session found it rather useful and very constructive.

Kenneth Rodney, CEO at the Centre for Equality and Diversity, said: “It can be tough working in the voluntary sector. Job uncertainty, limited resources and the emotional strain of working with vulnerable service users along with a high demand can all leave even senior staff feeling drained, isolated and demotivated. The StP peer support group can help the individual, offer understanding, collective support and practical insights from other participant’s experiences.”

Anyone interested in attending should give Lydia Sharland a call on 01384 456166 or email lydia.sharland@cfed.org.uk

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