

Developing Volunteering Projects



Sustainability and exit strategies (one day workshop)

This workshop is designed to develop the capacity of projects to develop post-funding exit strategies, to provide ongoing support to the local community.

Aim of the session:

Delegates will be able to articulate their project and develop the knowledge and confidence to explore how the project could be funded and sustained in the future

Learning objectives

Delegates will be able to:

- Understand and explain the principles of developing sustainability and exit strategies
- Identify how these principles can apply to their own situation
- Recognise how good practice in other projects may be applicable to their own situation
- Share with others how they are approaching the issue of sustainability in their own project

This session will allow delegates to recognise the importance of developing a sustainable project and how to developing effective exit strategies. It will provide the opportunity to consider underpinning principles of project sustainability, and discuss how these apply to their own situation. The workshop will also enable delegates to reflect on how others promote their projects as sustainable and consider how these approaches can help, as they seek to ensure their project continues to develop once funding comes to an end.

Outline agenda

- 09.45 – 10:00 Registration and coffee
- 10.00 – 10.20 Welcome, introductions & agreeing outcomes for the day
- 10.20 – 10.45 Our projects and sustainability
- 10.45 – 11.15 Current plans for continuation of project, post DH funding – Whole group
- 11.15 – 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 – 11.45 Evidencing impact and developing a 'case for support' – underlying principles
- 11.45 – 12.45 Evidencing impact and developing a 'case for support' – application to own project
- 12.45 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 13.50 Identifying funding streams/approaching potential funders – key principles
- 13.50 – 14.45 Identifying funding streams/approaching potential funders – application to own project
- 14.45 – 15.00 Coffee
- 15.00 – 15.45 Action planning and next steps
- 15.45 – 16.00 Summary and closing context