

Resilience and the Recession

How is the Third Sector Managing?

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Where are we now?



- 1,600 plus voluntary and community organisations in the City
- 19,200 voluntary positions
- The sector brings in enormous inward investment as 43% of TSOs income comes from grants and 62% of this comes from outside of the city
- The third sector generates approximately **£96 million** a year to the local economy (on prudent estimates)

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Demand

- Increased enquiries: unemployment, debt, housing need, people with greater needs
- Increased demand for training and learning
- TSOs often first point of call
- ‘Spillover’ from disinvestment in other services

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Financial Health

- Three quarters of TSOs have a reduced or static income
- Funders wanting 'more for less'
- Trust income harder to get
- Donations stalled



Effects on volunteering

- More availability of volunteers
- Sector continuing to train for wider labour market
- Shortage of training, mentoring for volunteers



Effects on staffing

- More job applications not always suitable
- Specialist jobs harder to fill
- Some redundancies and wage freezing
- Desire to avoid driving down wage levels



Resilience

Strengths

- Unique reach into communities
- Diverse income streams (in some cases)
- Innovative ways of meeting local needs and engaging people
- Motivated workforce

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Resilience

Threats

- Public funding reductions
- Not able to bid to run many public services
- Need to demonstrate cost of disinvestment

Ways Forward



- Partnership, collaboration and joint working
- Protect and maintain the unique advantages of the sector
- Demonstrate the added value and unique value and get funders to pay full value
- Better influence over commissioning policy and public sector spending
- More chance to bid for public 'delivery'

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