**North Yorkshire Community Learning Partnership**

**Area Groups**

**Expectations of the Strategy Group**

**July 2017**

The members of the North Yorkshire Community Learning Partnership Strategy Group have committed to a Memorandum of Agreement, (attached as Appendix 1), and an integrated partnership approach to the provision of community learning. They have agreed to support one another as this approach is pursued and are very pleased that other community learning providers and others with an interest in community learning participate in groups established at an area level. The Strategy Group has agreed this statement for area group members as a framework for their discussions and work so that they can be clear what is, and what is not, expected of them as members of the CLP.

The Strategy Group expects that Area Groups should meet regularly, (at least once per term), and keep high on their agenda a commitment to collaborative planning and increasing the amount of provision specifically targeted towards learners under-represented in learning. However, it also asks individual organisations to work with other members of the Area Groups to try to retain, and indeed develop, a universal offer of community learning opportunities.

Specifically, the Strategy Group requests that Area Groups:

* + - Review the membership of their groups on a regular basis in order to further consolidate and develop their work.
    - Contribute to the development of third sector infrastructure and work with voluntary groups.
    - Plan provision collaboratively in order to maximise opportunities and facilitate progression for participants.
    - Promote community learning on a collaborative basis and target their efforts towards the communities and individuals in their areas that are most in need.
    - Work together to ensure (and demonstrate) that community learning provision provides good value for money and “added value”.
    - Share information about learner and community needs.
    - Respond to particular needs and / or circumstances by identifying a small number of achievable (and measurable) objectives.
    - Shares information and experiences in relation to the opportunities presented by the European Structural Investment Fund.

This statement will be reviewed at least annually by the Strategy Group.